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The Hyland Crest Pastoral Care Musical Christmas featured a variety of acts such as a Christmas reading by Joan Featherstone, who was accompanied by Mary, played by Ruby Andrews, and Joseph at the annual concert at the Minden site on Tuesday night, Dec. 10. All 62 residents received a gift provided by local congregations. The event included a "Sister Act" performed by the Anglican Parishes.

Darren Lum Staff

MH policing costs could double

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A new funding formula being proposed by the OPP would double policing costs for Minden Hills township.

Councillors discussed what the changes, which would come into effect in 2015, would mean for

the municipality during their Dec. 12 meeting.

The proposed model, which would redistribute OPP costs evenly throughout the province's municipalities, would mean an annual increase of \$1.1 million for Minden Hills.

"It's literally a doubling of our policing costs," said Reeve Barb Reid, joking it would mean shutting down the township's roads department.

Councillor Ken Redpath and chief adminis-

trative officer Nancy Wright-Laking attended a November information session on the new formula.

"The proposed model that was outlined is comprised of two components being a base service level that is a fixed cost and call for service that is a variable cost," Wright-Laking wrote in a report to council.

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Times under new ownership

Haliburton-based company Maple Key Media announced its acquisition of the *Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times*, *Bancroft This Week*, and *Barry's Bay This Week* from Sun Media Dec. 16. It has also purchased *The Highlander Newspaper*.

Maple Key Media's director, Bram Lebo, will head up the group as publisher. He confirmed the company will retain existing staff and has no plans to close any of the newspapers.

"We are excited to bring these papers back under local ownership," said Lebo. "These newspapers are vital to our communities and we accept that responsibility. Our focus will be on delivering the news through quality and innovative editorial content."

"We are asking our communities to bear with us during this period of transition," said Lebo. "This is a big change, but we're confident in our decision to make this purchase and hope our readers are as excited as we are for what the future holds."



Rotary gives food bank a hand

The Minden Food Bank's Barb Walford-Davis, centre, in red, accepted \$2,000 from the Rotary Club of Minden's president Jim McMahon with Rotary members Joanna Penfold, far left, back row, Rick Ratcliff, Jim McMahon, Bill Obee and Brent Devolin. The money came from the club's bridge toll collection back in July. The food bank appreciates cash donations, but also recommends the public donate cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit (unsweetened and sweetened), canned vegetables and powdered milk.

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Costs could climb \$1.1 million per year

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"Each municipality would be charged a base service level of \$260 in the new formula. Base level policing services make up 73 per cent of the total OPP municipal policing costs while calls for service make up the balance of the fee."

OPP are also scheduled to receive an 8.55 per cent pay increase in 2014.

The OPP determines its own staffing needs and negotiates salaries with the province.

The new formula would mean per household policing costs in Minden Hills jumping from \$179 to \$369 a year.

"This is going to be a disaster if this actually happens," Redpath said.

Councillor Brigitte Gall wondered if there were other viable policing options, outside the OPP.

Wright-Laking said municipalities are able to establish their own police forces, but didn't find that feasible locally.

The Ontario Police Services Act also allows municipalities

to partner with adjacent municipalities that have their own forces.

While the City of Kawartha Lakes does have a municipal force, Wright-Laking didn't know if a partnership was possible since that force patrols the town of Lindsay.

"It is the OPP that does patrol the northern portion of City of Kawartha Lakes," she said.

Other townships in the county are facing similar challenges, with annual costs expected to increase by \$1.6 million in Dysart et al and \$800,000 in Algonquin Highlands, which currently pays about \$350,000 a year for policing.

County council, comprised of the reeves and deputy-reeves of the four lower-tier townships that comprise Haliburton County, has been discussing how to deal with the problem.

"Certainly, the conversations are from the county level," Reid said.

In the meantime, Minden Hills will be joining other municipalities, lending its name to a petition from Tay township, protesting the proposed formula.

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Minden Hills council changes course, adopts Internet voting

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors have changed course, reversing a decision they made at a November meeting and instituting Internet and telephone voting along with a traditional polling booth as the voting methods for the 2014 municipal election.

Council made that decision at their Dec. 12 meeting.

At a special meeting Nov. 14, some councillors said they'd consulted with constituents, many of whom preferred mail-in ballots.

Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell had conducted a survey in which 80 per cent of respondents said they wanted to vote by mail.

At the Dec. 12 meeting, Councillor Brigitte Gall, also a representative of Ward 1, said many of her constituents, even tech-savvy ones, were uncomfortable with the idea of Internet voting.

"They felt there wasn't adequate information," Gall said.

Minden Hills chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking first introduced the idea of Internet and telephone voting to councillors at a September committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Wright-Laking, who'd introduced Internet voting to the City of Peterborough in 2006 during her time there as clerk, said the technology was secure, accessible for voters, significantly reduced election-time work for staff and offered quick and accurate results.

At that meeting, Wright-Laking said that both Algonquin Highlands and Dysart townships were also interested in using Internet voting in the next election.

Councils for those townships, along with Highlands East, voted to stick with mail-in ballots.

According to Wright-Laking, costs for the 2010 Minden Hills election were approximately \$38,000.

The CAO had said last month and reiterated Thursday that a mail-in election for 2014 would cost approximately \$20,000 more, about \$60,000, including the approximate \$10,000 rental of a tabulating machine as well as the hiring of additional staff.

"Staff also recommend the use of vote tabulating equipment in order to provide consistent vote tabulating, to ensure timely reporting of the election results and to decrease the time staff require in a manual count of ballots," Wright-Laking wrote in the report councillors received Thursday.

When it came time to vote in favour of mail-in ballots, Gall, along with councillors Larry Clarke and Jean Neville voted against the mail-in ballot motion.

For Gall and Neville, it wasn't because they disagreed with the method, but because of the inclusion of the rental of a tabulator.

"There's some issues about extra staff and extra costs that weren't discussed," Neville said, explaining she was uncomfortable with the increase in cost. "The vote by mail I'm in full agreement with."

Wright-Laking told councillors they decided on the voting method but that it was up to her to run the election and that mail-in voting would entail the rental of a tabulator.

"This is interesting," said Reeve Barb Reid, adding that voting against mail-in would leave a traditional polling booth as the only option.

"If we defeat this motion, we go back 100 years," Redpath said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch suggested two resolutions; one to adopt mail-in voting and another to vote on the rental of a tabulator.

"I would like further discussion on electronic," said Clarke, who's been an advocate for the medium, calling it inclusive. "I'm still not satisfied."

Clarke said he thought the rental of a tabulator for a mail-in election was meeting staff halfway.

Tabulators have not been used by the township in past elections.

"I'm hearing there were some very late nights [for staff]," said Reid, adding she thought the staffing costs had been buried and that there'd never been a really clear picture of election costs in the township.

Gall reiterated that her constituents didn't feel like they were being heard on the issue and that there was a lack of information coming from the township on the specifics of Internet voting.

Wright-Laking said whatever method was chosen, there would be thorough outreach and education by the township.

Reid said there would be the polling station

method for those uncomfortable voting by phone or computer.

Neville had concerns about the security of Internet voting and said that people could potentially steal each other's personal identification numbers.

"But anyone could take the mail-in ballot from someone's kitchen table," Reid said.

Reid suggested council reverse the decision it made last month and move forward with Internet and telephone voting along with a two-day advanced polling station for those who wish to use paper ballots.

That motion was drawn up and carried. Neville suggested the vote to adopt Internet and telephone voting be deferred until a special council meeting next week so that Schell, who was absent Thursday and has been outspoken on the issue, could participate.

"Councillor Gall's not going to be here next week," Reid said.

The motion to adopt Internet and telephone voting along with a polling station was carried unanimously, with Murdoch as the mover and Gall as the seconder.

Schell made the following statement to the *Times*:

"I'm disappointed the ratepayers weren't heard on this matter. It was made very clear to myself and other members of council that Minden Hills residents were not ready for Internet voting. I'm glad there will be two polling station days where people who aren't comfortable with Internet/telephone voting can cast their ballots."

RIDE check leads to drug charges

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting a RIDE check on Dec. 9 on Deep Bay Road at Bobcaygeon Road in the Township of Minden Hills. Officers stopped a vehicle in the check area and as a result

of an investigation, two males were charged with possession of marijuana. A 22-year-old man and a 24-year-old man, both from Minden Hills, are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Jan. 8.



Chad Ingram Staff

This is what Minden looked like following a snow squall on Dec. 11.

MH turns down solar project

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills council has turned down a request from a Toronto-based solar power company to install solar panels on the roofs of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre and Minden Curling Club.

Councillors discussed the request from Solar Power Network Inc. during their Oct. 12 meeting as they received a report from interim community services director Darren Levstek.

The offer from the company was an upfront payment of just more than \$141,000 for a 20-year-lease on the buildings.

Council had approved in principle a similar lease from the company in December of last year, however, the company's application was denied by the province under its FIT (feed-in-tariff) 2.1 program.

The new application was under the province's FIT 3.0 program, which Levstek said contained a number of amended stipulations that worked in favour of the leaser and not the landlord.

It was his recommendation council deny the request.

The amount the company was offering was down from the more than \$212,000 it had offered last year.

Also, a 2010 report from engineering consulting firm AECOM Canada had given the arena a lifespan of 25 years, if a number of upgrades were made.

While some minor renovations have been done to the arena, Levstek said there are a number of outstanding items that, if not dealt with, could reduce the building's estimated lifespan.

In his report, these \$1.3 million in upgrades included \$250,000 for a refrigeration plant upgrade; \$300,000 for the reconstruction of the rink slab; \$350,000 for the replacement of dashboards; \$20,000 in masonry; \$250,000 for upgraded insulation; \$30,000 for work to the ventilation system; \$80,000 for the replacement of dehumidifiers; \$50,000 for the ventilation of the crawlspace under the grandstand; and \$5,000 for upgrading the drainage system.

"Every year you delay [with upgrades] . . . it drops the lifespan," Levstek said.

If the township were to enter into the agreement and if the arena was not able to sustain the project for 20 years, the

township would have to repay all the money it received for the lease, Levstek said.

Councillor Larry Clarke was concerned about the stress solar panels might put on the aging building's roof.

"I'm not supportive of this application."

Nor was Councillor Ken Redpath.

"That's a long, long time," Redpath said of the 20-year lease. "It's not that much money. A lot of things can change in 20 years."

Councillor Brigitte Gall was in favour of the application.

"What else are we going to do with the arena for \$141,000?" Gall asked. "If we have to do these renovations anyway, why wouldn't we take advantage [of additional revenue]? Why would we say no?"

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed with Clarke and Redpath that 20 years may be beyond the building's capabilities or lifespan.

In a recorded vote, Murdoch, Clarke and Redpath voted for the motion to deny the request, while Gall and Councillor Jean Neville voted against it.

Council supports four way stops

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports from items discussed at a Dec. 12 Minden Hills council meeting.

Councillors voted to move forward with four-way stops at the intersections of St. Germain and Prince streets and St. Germain and Newcastle streets as part of the Minden village development master plan.

"Four-way stops are the norm now," said Reeve Barb Reid, adding they may help reduce speeding in the village.

Council also decided to try a three-way stop at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street, near the bridge.

No smoking request considered

Councillors received a request from the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit asking the township designate the Minden Wild Water Preserve a smoke-free area during the 2015 Pan Am Games.

The preserve is the venue for whitewater events during the competition.

"The property actually belongs to Whitewater Association of Ontario," said Councillor Larry Clarke, adding the organization should be brought into the discussion.

The item was referred to staff.

HR policies accepted

John Rogers, in his capacity as special projects advisor, pre-

sented five human resources policies to council.

Rogers was hired by the township to conduct a review of its human resources framework and the five policies deal with items such as salary administration, wage adjustment and job descriptions and evaluations.

Rogers said some job descriptions were from as far back as 1999.

"This is a codification of what has already been in place," he said of the policies, explaining in many cases they simply formalized practices that had already been taking place within the township.

Rogers was paid a rate of \$565 plus HST in his role as special projects advisor.

Post and rope solution

The township will use ground markers for the installation of a temporary post and rope fence near the Irondale Community Centre during events there.

There has been some dispute between adjacent property owners and the township regarding fencing at the community centre during a summer ball tournament.

A snow fence has been used in the past to keep vehicles from encroaching on the adjacent residential property, which environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram said had not actually been happening.

The township's events committee had suggested the construction of a fence along a township-owned right-of-way near the property line, but Ingram said this didn't seem to make a lot of sense and added an outbuilding on the right-of-way would also have to be removed for the construction of a fence.



Vehicle catches fire

At 11:25 p.m. Dec. 14 OPP got called to a jeep at CR 21 and Rays Rd. in Minden Hills. The male driver from Aurora was going to his cottage and got stuck in the snow. He went to get help at the cottage and when he returned the jeep was smoking and then caught fire. They managed to disconnect the snowmobile trailer and empty the 2008 Jeep Wrangler before it became fully engulfed in flames and was destroyed. No injuries. Likely mechanical/electrical issues. No foul play or charges.

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Voices filled the Lochlin United Church at the annual Christmas carol sing-a-long on Dec. 11. The event included favourite melodies such as *Mary's Boy Child*, *Winter Wonderland* and *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. From left, Betty Hicks, Yvonne Newell and Cora Forgie



It was a full house at the Lochlin United Church at the annual Christmas carol sing-a-long on Dec. 11. Organizer Lois Rigney told those in attendance they didn't cancel the event following a major snowfall because "we have faith and we prayed." The event included favourite melodies such as *Mary's Boy Child*, *Winter Wonderland* and *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. Rigney joked that no one was allowed to request the song *Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow*.



Voices of Christmas

Photos by Angelica Blenich

Left, the Lochlin United Church was decorated with Christmas touches, such as this nativity scene portraying Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.



Rev. Harry Morgan and friends serenaded the crowd at the Lochlin United Church for the singing of Christmas carols. The evening featured songs requested by those in attendance followed by hot cider and cookies.



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our editorial

Tail wags dog

WHO'S REALLY DOING the decision-making in Minden Hills township?

Is it the elected members of council, conveying the will of their constituents, or is the township's top bureaucrat?

It was abundantly clear from the time she introduced the concept in September that the township's CAO, who is also its clerk, wanted council to implement Internet and telephone voting for the 2014 election.

And fair enough. It makes sense that these voting technologies make hosting elections more efficient for staff.

However, elections aren't about staff. Elections are about voters.

At a November meeting, councillors decided not to use Internet and phone voting. The feedback they were getting from the public was that constituents were uncomfortable with the Internet method and preferred mail-in ballots.

The CAO was to bring back a report on mail-in voting, which she did at last week's meeting.

And that's where things got really interesting.

The CAO told councillors that voting for mail-in ballots would entail an extra \$20,000 expense for the rental of a tabulator and extra staff. This was the hinge that changed the whole conversation.

A couple of councillors who were about to support mail-in ballots were uncomfortable with the additional

expense, and voted no for their adoption.

The thing is, all council had to do – which was suggested by the deputy-reeve but had no uptake – was break the motion into two parts; one to adopt mail-in voting and one on whether to rent a tabulator and hire additional staff.

Yes, it's the clerk's job to run elections, but a unilateral decision on expenditures of \$20,000?

Those are the kinds of decisions council is supposed to make.

It was this perceived glitch that backed councillors into a corner with no walls.

Then, presto, the reeve suggested the November decision be reconsidered and minutes later councillors were reversing their decision and approving

Internet and phone voting, with a two-day advanced polling station.

It should be noted all this took place with one of council's strongest voices – one very much in favour of mail-in voting – absent.

That councillor found in a survey of her constituents that 80 per cent preferred voting by mail and another councillor said repeatedly people she'd spoken to were uncomfortable with Internet voting.

Sixty per cent of respondents to a fall poll on the Times website preferred the method and a poll on last week's decision had 71 per cent of respondents unsatisfied with the outcome.

Who is really calling the shots in Minden Hills?



Chad Ingram
Reporter



letters to the editor

Good Samaritans

To the Editor,

My husband and I want to thank all the people who stopped and asked if they could help.

My husband and I were going to the dump. All of a sudden our car slid towards the right shoulder of the road. Therefore, I was in the snowdrift and could not open the door. We were not hurt; just a quick, sudden surprise.

Apparently, someone told us many people slide automatically in winter on that road pass.

A man let my husband use his car phone to call a tow truck. We waited two hours, but a lady took me home. We had a dear man who offered to take our garbage to drop off before the dump closed. Many hours later he came back to see if my hubby and I had received help. Others were willing to get a truck and pull our car out.

There was a rolled over car for two hours on 118, so that was the delay with the tow truck.

Forever thankful,

Sid and Carol Henstra, Algonquin Highlands

Mail-in preferred

To the Editor,

In her letter of Nov. 20, Lois Rigney expresses her opinion that the traditional polling station method of voting is the best and that newer forms of voting such as mail-in and online voting are not to be trusted. Where is her evidence that these types of voting are subject to abuse?

My family has cottaged on Gull Lake for 84 years. As our winter home is in Ottawa, we were for many years essentially disenfranchised by the traditional polling station method of voting because voting would require a minimum of a four-hour drive each way to vote. My wife and I welcomed the advent of the mail-in voting option, as we were able to exercise our voting rights as taxpayers in Minden Hills without the need to make a long drive from and to Ottawa, possibly in bad November weather. Given the number of persons who own seasonal property in Minden Hills, but live elsewhere, I am sure there are many others who would share this view.

I recognize that there are those who, for various reasons (lack of a computer or computer skills,

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points of view

It's Canadian

I'VE NEVER HAD a lot of respect for the new breed of online journalism – and now a headline for a video that recently aired has summarized why.

The headline read, “Bison is Canada Man’s Best Friend.”

At first, I thought they were suggesting the man came from a town called Canada. But, on further investigation, I found they were actually referring to a man who lives in Canada – the kind of man we, in this country, for right or wrong, call Canadian.

But before I jumped to any conclusion, I gave this some more thought and realized that no real journalist could be so stupid as to call a man from Canada a Canada man. They’d know that the term referring to a person who lives in Canada is Canadian. Heck, most five-year olds know that much.

There had to be another more conceiv-

able explanation.

And that’s why I came out with two very plausible options: one, the headline was written by someone younger than five or, two, we have a superhero that I have not yet heard of.

I’m concerned either way.

In the first instance, I’m worried because it seems to me having a four-year old write headlines is against several child labour laws. Worse still, it also confirms my suspicion that even a four-year-old is more Internet savvy than me.

The superhero issue is more troubling still. You see, I like to think that I have an encyclopedic knowledge of superheroes. Yet, I have never even heard of Canada Man till now.

True, there is a guy who owns a Face-

book page and claims to be Canada Man but that hardly means he’s out there fighting crime in tights and a cape. That’s something most Facebook users only dream about.

So I have arrived at the only logical conclusion. Basically, a new superhero calling himself Canada Man, who rides a bison, which coincidentally is his best friend, is now making headlines.

And while this is an arguably positive development, it’s probably nothing to get too excited

about. I know the guy means well but, let’s be realistic here, he’s riding to crime scenes atop a bison. That means long before he ever gets there the bad guys will be alerted by the sound of thundering



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Pick-up on Water Street

LIVE LONG ENOUGH and all that once seemed ordinary and reassuring begins to fade away. Live long enough and you begin to understand that change is inevitable and inexorable. Whether you like it or not.

Nine things that will disappear in our lifetime, said a list forwarded to me by reader Charlotte Byrnes back in September, and the post office was right at the top of the list.

How prescient of her, or at least of the list-maker. Canada Post may survive by directing its energies away from delivering mail, but nothing we would recognize as a post office will remain.

Time was, it was the Royal Mail and passenger trains that bound our country together. Once they were twin miracles. Now they are anachronisms.

A century ago, before the Internet, before television, before radio, before the telephone came to Minden, letters were an escape from solitude, the glue for far-flung families and old friends.

By the time rural mail delivery came along just before the First World War, there had been a Minden post office for half a century, a precious link to the outside world.

Now bills arrive online and nobody posts letters anymore, except for the

Christmas cards in the mail about the time Canada Post dropped its bombshell last week. Talk about timing!

The five-year plan to end urban home delivery is part of the winding down of a service that has become no more necessary than smoke signals.

In his comic strip, Walt Kelly had Pogo declare that “We have met the enemy, and he is us.” I have met the enemy and he is me. I don’t post letters any more. Nor does anybody I know, at least not to me.

By law, every Canadian is guaranteed mail delivery, but delivery is an ever-more elastic term. Most Canadians haven’t had home delivery for years. It’s unaffordable.

In the countryside, Canada Post won’t bring mail down new roads. A community mailbox on Highway 118, east of Haliburton, isn’t within walking distance of anything. It might be a whole wall transplanted from Maple Street.

In suburban villages, you might pick up your mail at the post office, from a community mailbox a block or so away or, if you happen to live on an old farm road, from your mailbox at the end of your driveway.

So Canada Post’s overhaul at least introduces a little consistency. You need a car to get your mail. Or a long walk.

Home delivery becomes pick-up.

In one sense, Minden has had a community mailbox all along. Village folk have always had to walk down to Water Street to get their mail.

But if nothing much has changed for now, it’s difficult to imagine how village post offices could have a reason to exist in the digital future.

And in Minden, things have changed, however subtly. Big parcels arrive at a drugstore, a kind of stealth privatization that is a form of union-busting.

When addresses were realigned to agree with the county’s municipal boundaries, mail-sorting for what used to be Stanhope Township shifted from Minden to Haliburton village.

The realignment gave Minden addresses to Moore Falls and Lochlin and Howland Junction, but their mail still is sorted in Coboconk or Haliburton or Kinmount.

The less sorting, the less work left for

Minden, the easier it will be to shift it somewhere else when some tipping point arrives and the post office closes.

Out on Sapsucker Ridge, we have no inside information that is about to happen, but it seems inevitable in a digital world.

When The Brown Dog Jiggs and I first came to live full-time on Sapsucker Ridge, we paid for a post office box. When a free vacancy came up in the communal array at the end of the road, I took it.

It is a decision I regretted almost immediately. Picking up my mail takes me two miles and most of the way into town, so it was no more convenient than a trip to the post office.

Once I got there, the chance to make new acquaintances, renew old ones and hear the latest news was worth far more than whatever I paid for the box.

The village post office draws our community together, just as the Royal Mail drew the country together. Soon we will be left with cloud-sourcing. Whatever that is.

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Everyone has the right to vote

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no access to the Internet, mistrust of this form of voting) would oppose moving to online voting. I predict that this form of voting will come to fruition sometime in the no-too-distant future. In the meantime, we should remember the many rate-

payors, for whom getting to a polling station on voting day can be very difficult, and allow them to exercise their voting rights by mail.

Dr. Donald Patten
Ottawa and Minden Hills

Voting should be done secretly

To the Editor,

Back in November I wrote a letter to the editor congratulating the council (some of them) for listening to their constituents regarding voting methods. I guess I spoke too soon. The reeve and the CAO/Clerk/EDO were not amused at the choice of no internet/telephone voting so they had the motion reversed at the recent council meeting to have internet/telephone voting. Oh yes, I should be pleased that they will have a polling station for those of us not comfortable with electronic voting, unless this is changed at the next meeting.

Does the reeve have the right to do this after the decision was made in a vote by council? Does the CAO/ Clerk/EDO have the right to dictate to the council the method she wants just because she did this in Peterborough? We are not Peterborough but a small rural township with some potential, eligible 12,410 voters according to the 2010 election stats. Why do we need a tabulator when staff can do the count

with free scrutineers to verify it?

Why does Councillor Redpath insist that voting in polling stations is going back 100 years when our biggest city uses polling stations? Both my children and many of my seasonal neighbours vote at polling stations!

Why is Councillor Clarke now wanting further discussion when he was so adamant on electronic voting at the meeting back in November, which I attended?

The CAO raised the mention of Internet/telephone voting back in September. Now four months later they are still discussing it. Good thing elections only come every four years. Hopefully they will have an answer by October. May I suggest that we all line up at their one or two polling stations (if they keep them) to show them how we really prefer to vote! In my opinion it is the only true democratic, secret method of voting, something I take very seriously.

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Column offends all police officers

To the Editor,

I just read Mr. Ingram's article on OPP policing costs. I found it uninformed and insulting not to mention counselling to commit an offence under the Provincial Offences Act. The next time you get pulled over for speeding, rather than give the officer your licence, just tell him he's very welcome and drive away.

Section 78(1) of the POA defines counselling and section 61 states that the penalty for committing the offence of counselling has a maximum fine of \$5,000 for each offence.

Section 33(1) of the Highway Traffic Act reads, every driver of a motor vehicle or street car shall carry his or her licence with him or her at all time while he or she is in charge of a motor vehicle or street and shall surrender the licence for reasonable inspection upon demand of a police officer or officer appointed for carrying out the provisions of this act. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 33 (1).

The fine for driver fail to surrender licence is 85 plus fees for a total of \$110. Section 216 gives officers the authority to stop vehicles.

Secondly, we have a family cottage in the Minden area. With all the thefts and break and enters in the area, we need more police. For the price of my new outboard boat motor to replace the one that was stolen, I could afford

the police for the next 15 years.

I spent over 30 years as a uniformed OPP officer. I joined right after university where I graduated with a B. Sc. Physics and biology. As a technical collision investigator I used formulas such as the McHenry equations to help reconstruct collisions. Mr. Ingram, how is your integral calculus?

You have insulted every police officer in this country with your comment, We're talking about jobs that require relatively little education. When I retired from a detachment with 56 uniformed officers, 85 per cent had either a college diploma or a university degree. I wonder how much education Mr. Ingram has?

The vast majority of people who criticize the police are violators, people seeking election, self-interest groups, defence lawyers and the media. I have challenged many of these people to apply to the OPP, pass the physical test, the medical test, the psychological inventory test (which has three liar scales built into it), the personal interview, the background investigation, firearms training, pursuit drivers course, Ontario Police College, etc. You get the idea. Well, Mr. Ingram, are you going to apply or have you already been rejected as unsuitable?

John Twelves, B. Sc.
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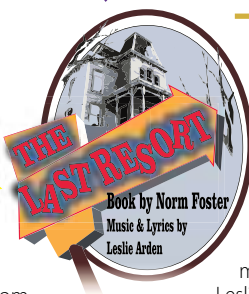
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A story of pride and ambition blinding a soul to the true values of life, Great Expectations follows the life of the orphan, Pip. We first meet him as a tiny, terrified child in a village churchyard. Years later, through the help of an anonymous benefactor, Pip will travel to London, full of expectations to become a gentleman. One of the greatest works of classic literature, a timeless tale of love, hope and humanity from perhaps one of the greatest novelists of all time.



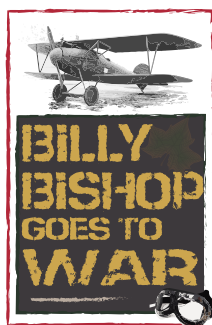
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It's the Summer of 1973 and four old friends have snuck away from their 10th high school reunion and broken into their old hangout. As they contemplate their lives and the future, the four look back upon their high school years and remember the music of their youth. What follows is a rollicking non-stop journey through over seventy top-ten hits from 1959 through 1963. A wonderful celebration of the biggest top-ten hits of the late fifties and early sixties.



Book by Norm Foster
Music & Lyrics by
Leslie Arden

"The Last Resort" is an off-the-wall, madcap, murder mystery musical comedy with book by Norm Foster and music and lyrics by Leslie Arden. A group of apparent strangers are staying the night in Saskatchewan's Last Resort, a hotel in the middle of nowhere that will serve as the perfect hideout for mob informant Nick Galeazzo. On the run with FBI agent Angela Miller, Nick is paranoid and assumes that every other guest in the hotel is out to kill him.



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always steeped in the realities of wartime. Experience Billy Bishop and connect body and soul with a formative part of Canada's history as the world marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

I Hate Hamlet

Andrew Rally seems to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series; a rich, beautiful girlfriend; a glamorous, devoted agent; the perfect New York apartment; and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park. There are, however, a couple of glitches in paradise. Andrew's series has been cancelled; his girlfriend is clinging to her virginity with unyielding conviction; and he has no desire to play Hamlet. When Andrew's agent visits him, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore many years ago, in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a chance to summon Barrymore's ghost. The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword, and his opening night as Hamlet in Central Park.



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\$400,000 in ODRAP paid out so far

➤ It could be spring before final payments are made

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It could be the spring before Minden Hills residents who made claims under the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program following the April flood receive their full payments.

John Rogers, project manager for the Minden Hills disaster relief committee, made a presentation to councillors at their Dec. 12 meeting.

In all, the DRC received 74 claims following the flood that left much of Minden village under water and Minden Hills township in a state of emergency from late April until mid-May.

Sixty of those claims were for residences and totalled more than \$1.2 million and 14 were from businesses totalling more than \$530,000.

While total damage claims were initial in the \$4-million, many more people than initially expected received help from their insurance companies.

As of last week, 68 claims had been reviewed by the DRC and more than \$950,000 approved.

ODRAP pays up to 90 per cent of replacement values for structural damage, essential furnishings and appliances and essential tools for businesses.

The program matches funds raised by the applicant community at a rate of up to two to one.

The community raised more than \$708,500, which Rogers called "amazing," and the province has agreed to make up the difference so that all approved claims are paid out at 90 per cent.

So far, some \$400,000 has been paid out, with Rogers explaining that payments cannot be made until after work is completed.

It could be spring before repair work is done and all claims are paid out, he said.

Rogers thanked the volunteer members of the DRC – Jeanne Anthon, Jack Brezina, Larry Grigg, Shelley Houser, Max Ward, Andrew Hodgson and Bill Obee – who have held some 23 meetings since the committee was appointed by Minden Hills council in May.

Rogers is paid by the province for his work as project manager for the DRC.

There is also a public component to ODRAP, to which Minden Hills will be applying for reimbursement of its flood-related costs.

The public portion can cover municipal costs up to 100 per cent.

As of the last month, the township's flood costs were approaching \$400,000 including damage, repairs, equipment and additional staff time and benefits.

Some costs still needed to be totalled. The township has until the spring to submit its ODRAP application.



December 16, 2013

Sadden heart and Lasting memories

Dear Editor

I wish to start by clearing a few issues up that has been brought to my attention.

Previously in the headlines in one of the local papers, it made a reference "NEW COMPANY TAKES OVER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES". Remote Transfer is still up and running as usual. We will continue to provide professional private transfers to meet your needs, and the needs of the community. A new company from London Ontario, will be servicing the hospitals.

It comes with a sadden heart that I wish to say thank-you to the hospitals for allowing me to provide non-urgent transfers for over 6 years. I have gained much knowledge in the importance of just listening to the client. I have transferred many clients and their families, each with different illnesses or reasons, but our staff, always provided care from the heart. It also saddens me to think about the families and their losses. I may only of met them but it seemed like we had a lifelong friend ship and I feel that is what a small community is all about. So with saying that with every transfer came lasting memories of tears shared, and of much laughter, and who can forget the coffee and snacks from Tim's around the corner from CT, Scan.

It is also has been hard for me to have to lay off two of the most kind hearted and dedicated staff anyone could ask for. You were my right arms, and I thank you so much words cannot say.

I also am announcing that as of DECEMBER 31, 2013 at 12:00 MIDNIGHT, Remote Transfer, will no longer be doing anymore transfers for the hospitals. As New Company was to take over hospital as of December 1, 2013.

If there is anything I can do for the hospitals in the future do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours

Robert Ritchie President/Owner



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Park restoration moving forward

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dec. 12 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Plans to revitalize Elvin Johnson Park are moving along, following a delegation from Terry Moore and Rebecca Krawczyk. The pair, along with parks, recreation and trails director Mark Coleman, presented councillors with a shoreline initiative for the park, that would include planting trees and beautifying the green space. The landscape plan includes planting between eight to 10 trees, such as red and sugar maple, as well as some shrubs in future years.

There is also a possibility of including wildflowers within the park. Krawczyk's business Bark ecologic prepared renderings for council, to envision what the park might look like once completed. The pair pointed to a similar project that was done at Dwight Beach in Lake of Bays township in 2010. Last spring Algonquin Highlands removed two deteriorating playground slides from the park, with the intent on installing new equipment, according to Coleman's report to council.

In order to do the intended shoreline work, the township will need to obtain a work permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources as well as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, said Coleman. A draft budget for the shoreline work will cost about \$11,000, according to Coleman. Costs to replace the playground will come in at \$60,000 estimated Coleman. He suggested the township apply for an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant to cover the expenditure, as well as using reserve funds. "We can't afford that right now without Trillium funding," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. Councillor Gord Henderson commended the group for putting together an excellent proposal. In total the project would cost about \$76,000, according to Coleman's report to staff. Council accepted his report and authorized him to apply for a Trillium grant. If the application is unsuccessful the township will revisit the costs at budget time.

OPP costs revisited

Councillors in Algonquin Highlands will continue to voice their concerns over rising costs for policing, as a result of a new billing model being proposed by the Ontario

Provincial Police. Chief administrative officer Angie Bird told councillors she attended a consultation session on the new model at the end of November, citing it as a "valuable experience." "The OPP had heard lots of comments throughout the consultation period," she said. Some of the things Bird took away from the meeting were that municipalities without a commercial tax base would be billed differently. Algonquin Highlands falls into that category. More consultations are scheduled for the new year, with a proposed new model rolled out by the middle of next year, said Bird. The CAO also said feedback from the

consultation included that funding through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund be increased. "I still think Algonquin Highlands should pursue it's own lobby," said Moffatt. "I'd rather try and fail then not try."

Nurse practitioner moving to Dorset

A preferred site for a nurse practitioner to set-up in Dorset has been selected, said councillor Henderson. While the townships, both Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays, are still going through the required approval process, fundraising plans are well on their way. The proposed site is centrally located, situated next to a church and if approved will be permanent, said Henderson.

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Promoting carbon monoxide safety

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Carbon monoxide detectors are now required in all Ontario homes.

MPP Laurie Scott was in Minden with colleague Ernie Hardeman on Dec. 16, promoting carbon monoxide safety.

Hardeman, MPP for Oxford, was responsible for a private member's bill requiring carbon monoxide detectors in every home in the province, which received royal assent in the Legislature last week.

Carbon monoxide is an odourless, colourless, tasteless gas that can be fatal. Hardeman's bill was named the Hawkins Gignac Act after a Woodstock family who died from carbon monoxide poisoning in 2008.

Hardeman pointed out that carbon monoxide detectors are the only way to know if the poisonous gas is present in one's home.

Hardeman and Scott were joined by Doug DeRabbie of the Insurance Bureau of Canada on Monday. The bureau has purchased carbon monoxide detectors for disbursement throughout the province.

"We've made a commitment to raise awareness of the dangers of fire smoke and carbon monoxide," DeRabbie said.

He delivered 66 detectors to the county's four fire chiefs, who said they'd be giving the devices to individuals who need them.

Hardeman estimated the bureau had given out between 700 and 800 detectors in communities throughout the province.

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove said instances of carbon monoxide in homes tend to increase in the winter due to locked chimneys.

The bill received unanimous support but took five years to pass due to interruptions in the Legislature.

According to release from the PC party, during the last 15 years, 250 Ontarians have died from carbon monoxide poisoning.



Chad Ingram Staff

Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman's private member's bill requiring carbon monoxide detectors in all Ontario homes received royal assent in the legislature last week. Hardeman was in Minden with MPP Laurie Scott on Dec. 16 promoting carbon monoxide safety. From left are Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove, Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan, Hardeman, Scott, Doug DeRabbie of the Insurance Bureau of Canada, which is providing detectors to communities throughout the province, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell and Algonquin Highlands fire chief Keith Thomas.



Notice of Nomination for Office

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.32)

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the
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The Nomination and Campaign Period for the 2014 Election will begin on January 2nd, 2014 in the Township of Minden Hills.

Nominations may be made by completing and filing documents in the office of the Clerk. Nominations must be on the prescribed form and must be accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, debit, certified cheque, or money order.

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In the event there are an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill all positions available, nominations will be reopened for the vacant positions only on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and such additional nominations, if required, may be filed in the office of the Clerk.

Voting Day is Monday, October 27, 2014.

Dated December 19, 2013

Nancy Wright-Laking, Clerk – Township of Minden Hills

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Thoughts on Christmas



From the students of 1B

How do Santa's reindeer fly?

"Santa Claus gives his magic to the reindeer to make them fly. They just run and that's how they get going - like airplanes." *Haiden Bird*

"They just are magical. They rest through the summer and spring and don't use their magic and then on Christmas Eve they are really magical." *Jayde Rowden*

"They fly with Pixie Dust. I want Pixie Dust for Christmas. I would fly to the North Pole, or to Africa to watch the volcanoes." *Skyler Fischer*

How does Santa Claus get into your home?

"He uses magic to turn tiny and then he jumps through the chimney and then he turns big again." *Mak Prentice*

"I put a key outside our door and then Santa unlocks the door to come in." *Maya Johnson*

"The reindeer help pull Santa up and down in the chimney." *Jazmin Smith*

What do you think Santa Claus wants for Christmas?

"He wants some more elves to help him because all of the other elves are getting too tired." *Chloe Hartwig*

"He wants some books to read when he is relaxing." *Hailey Davison*

"He would like a picture of himself. That will make him happy." *Trystan Bitten*

What's Santa's favourite food?

"Chocolate chip cookies and milk." *Nicole Lee*

"Spaghetti." *Dalton Fairey*

"Gingerbread cookies." *Jaden Vanderwindt*

"Chicken because it has protein for making him healthy." *Nathan Bellefeuille*

Where would Santa Claus like to go on vacation?

"Santa would go to the South Pole because it's cold and he likes cold, or to Central America to see jaguars." *Miles Bascombe*

"He would go to Africa because it's warm and there's lots of water and he could see giraffes and not reindeer." *Gracie Gardiner*

How do you get to the North Pole?

"You can use a glider to get there. Bring a watch that has north, south, east and west - I mean a compass." *Wyatt Raposo*

"Maybe you could go in a truck. Follow the road. Take the snowiest road. Look for signs with Santa on them." *Aaron Neave*

"Take a boat to the North Pole. If you have a motor boat, like my papa does, then you get there very fast. If you see frozen water, you have to drive through it and your motor will break it." *Lillie Fendley*

"Go in a snowmobile because my dad goes to the North Pole all the time in his snowmobile and it doesn't even take a whole day." *Nicholas Neville*

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By Johnathon Watson

I am wishing this because not everyone has school, so I want to change that.

I think everyone should have it because learning is fun.

It is good to learn!

I am going to make a difference by raising money and giving it to the people who do not go to school and learn.

I cannot wait to achieve this. I am awesome.

By Abby Rosik

I can make a difference by donating food and donating money to buy food.

I want to stop world hunger.

By H Gartshore

My Christmas wish for the world is less air pollution.

People could ride their bikes instead of cars.

The could walk to wherever the need to go.

People could buy electric cars and car pool to go out of town.

My Christmas wish is to have clean air, so everyone can breath, instead of people having asthma.

By Zander Upton

I have a great Christmas wish.

It is not for toys.

It is for a really good wish.

I really want everyone to try to help people with diseases and maybe find a cure.

I am wishing this because it is very sad that wonderful people have disease and lose everything.

They lose their family, forget people and lose their hair.

If we all do this we can help kids or adults that are sick and need to get better.

So maybe if we all work together, we can start a team or raise enough money to find a cure.

So maybe at Christmas or later we can work together and help people in the world.

By Ava Allaire

My Christmas wish is everyone in the world needs food.

I wish this because crunch crunch crunch.

People need food because they could get disease and tummy aches.

I could buy the food for our food drive at school.

If everybody helps, we can make a difference.

By Austin Crego

I hope that sick people that have a bad disease like cancer can find a way to get a cure for those people.

So people have to make ways to raise money.

You can use a little bit of yours, or you can sell stuff.

Maybe I could ask for money for Christmas.

Then I could donate to cancer research.

My wish for Christmas is to cure sick people.

By Broden Boisvert

My Christmas wish is to make sure all the kids in the world have a family.

The kids would be super happy to have a mom and dad to love them.

People need to welcome the children into their home.

They need to have food, water, clothes and a lot of hugs.

Happy kids make a happy world.

By Levi Samson

My Christmas wish is to donate food to everyone so we can stop world hunger.

I am wishing this so people can get healthy.

Also so people can live longer.

Ring ring ring

That is the sound of my Christmas wish.

For Christmas I really really want school for everyone.

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Where memories begin!

My Christmas wish continued

My wish is to hope that every child in Minden gets a toy for Christmas.

We can make it happen by donating toys that you don't use anymore and give them to little kids that don't have them.

Also we could buy toys and then give them to the toy drive to give them to kids that need them.

I would hope that I make a difference.

By Maria O'Malley

My Christmas wish is no more diseases, such as cancer.

I wish this because sometimes people lose hair with cancer and it makes me upset to see that.

We can make a difference by having yard sales and collecting money.

I would be happy if we make over at least 1000 dollars.

I will go to cancer research.

That is my Christmas wish, no more cancer.

By Walker Nesbitt

I wish that all people have food.

I would donate money to buy food.

In the winter I could sell hot chocolate and

give some money to the food bank.

I could make ginger bread cookies and sell them and donate half of the money to the food bank.

My wish for Christmas is for people to have food.

By Calvin Smith

My Christmas wish is that people stop pollution.

I am wishing this because it's and makes the ozone smaller.

Plus it's littering and cutting trees down which is bad because trees make oxygen so we can breathe.

It's also uncaring for our world and community.

We can make a difference by having less factories, more trees and planting seeds to grow trees.

This shows how much we care about our world!

So why don't we all stop pollution!

By Zita Suranyi

My magical wish is that for no one to be poor.

I would like everyone to have toys, bikes, sports equipment and schools.

I want people to have cows, chickens and lots more.

Rich people could share with poor people.

If everyone works together it makes a better world.

By Tyson Rousell

My Christmas wish is people please stop smoking.

It is polluting the air.

Everyone is getting sick from pollution.

Also it hurts your lungs.

It is a very bad choice from smoking and isn't just hurting your lungs, it is hurting others too.

So please stop smoking.

It's a bad choice so stop smoking!

By Annarose Kirkpatrick

My wish for Christmas is to stop wars.

More people are passing away.

I want to make a change so people do not pass away and get sick.

I want wars to "Stop".

People are getting sad.

I want the world to be a safe place to live.

You should be nice to each other everywhere and that's how we make the start of peace!

By Georgia Code

My Christmas wish is that people have warm clothes for the winter.

I would love to donate some clothes for Christmas!

I would donate some money too.

I would give the clothes to the AS IS store so kids can then get the clothes and be warm.

By Hannah Keho-Harding

My magical Christmas wish is to buy stuff for the Christmas food drive.

We can buy healthy food so people can be healthy and they have nutritious food to eat.

Then they can run around, be so happy and ready to explode with joy because of the good people that have brought them that good food.

By Madison Robinson

My Christmas wish is to shovel someone's driveway so that I can help them.

By Tathan McCutcheon

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Working Elves

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 Elves make toys all day long,
 Bang bang bang
 They make dolls and teddy bears and everything else,
 Bang bang bang
 Be good all year long and you will get what you want,
 Bang bang bang
 You will love elves every year!
By Ava Allaire and Abby Rosik and by Maria O'Malley



Angels Glory Sky

Angels in the sky,
 Glory, glory glory
 That is the sound of an angel
 Angels flying in the sky
 Glory, glory glory
 Angels help you with your wishes
 Glory, glory glory
 The wish might come true
 Glory, glory glory
 The angels go back home
 Glory, glory glory
By Zander Upton

Ho ho ho

Santa delivers presents,
 Ho ho ho
 Santa rides on a sleigh,
 Ho ho ho
 The sleigh is pulled by reindeer,
 Ho ho ho
 Santa wears a red hat, red coat, white beard,
 Ho ho ho
 Santa likes milk and cookies
By Broden Boisvert

Santa's Sleigh at Christmas

Rock rock rock
 Sleighs at Christmas going down the road
 Rock rock rock
 Did you hear the sound of Santa's sleigh?
 Rock rock rock
 The sleigh is pulled by lots of reindeer.
 Rock rock rock
 Santa's sleigh lands on every single kid's house
 Rock rock rock
 At the end of the night, Santa goes back to the North Pole
By Walker Nesbitt and Levi Samson

Reindeer on Santa's Sleigh

Run run run
 The reindeer go pulling Santa's sleigh
 Run run run
 Reindeer eating carrots and hay
 Run run run
 Pulling Santa's sleigh to boys and girl's



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Run run run
The reindeer pulling Santa back to the North Pole
Run run run
By Georgia Code and Nathon Watson

Bells on bob tails ring

Ring ring ring
That's the sound on Santa's sleigh
Ring ring ring
We can hear the bells jiggling on the elves' hats
Ring ring ring
Bells on the Christmas tree
Ring ring ring
Time for presents everyone!
By Hannah Kehoe and Annarose Kirkpatrick

Merry Christmas

Ho ho ho
Here comes Santa down the chimney,
Ho ho ho
He is ging you presents,
Ho ho ho
He is putting them under your tree,
Ho ho ho
Santa is going to the next house,
Ho ho ho
When he's done Santa goes back to the North Pole
Ho ho ho - Merry Christmas
By H Gartshore, Austin Crego and Tathan McCutcheon

Opening Presents

Tear tear tear
I am ripping my presents. I can't wait!
Tear tear tear
My present is AMAZING! I want to play with it right now!
Tear tear tear
That was the best present ever. I can't wait until next year
to get some more!
Tear tear tear
By Zita Suranyi and Madison Robinson

Sleigh Bells

Ching ching ching
That is the sound of sleigh bells on Santa's sleigh
Ching ching ching
Reindeer pulling the sleigh
Ching ching ching
Santa's coming to give presents
Ching ching ching
Santa goes home
Ching ching ching
Mrs Claus makes cookies. Santa eats cookies.
By Tyson Rousell and Calvin Smith



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Christmas role-play writing

Mrs. Coneybeare's Grade 3A class

Dear Journal,

I am so worried about Santa getting hurt. Eek, I just heard on the news that there is a big storm on the way. This is horrible!

My poor husband, I thought to myself. I hope he doesn't get hurt or crash the sleigh! Oh my!

Who's knocking on the door? Yeah, it's Santa! I'm so glad you're back.

From Mrs. Claus
Nevaeh Smith

Dear Santa,

This is my story of how it happened. I am writing to you to tell you that I will not be helping you pull your sled this year. I have a hurt leg.

This is how it happened: I was in the barn and an elf was cleaning the stables. He told me I was free to go back in my stall and then it happened.

I went into my stall and a hole broke through in the wood when my leg stepped onto it and it snapped!

It is all the elf's fault. I am disappointed in that elf. So I guess you are going to get the reindeer working extra hard this year. I am very proud of you Santa; I think you are very brave.

P.S. I think you should get better and trusting elves.

From Prancer
Rory Campbell

Dear Santa,

I am writing to you because I want the other reindeer to be nice to me.

So one night I was sleeping in the shed because they were all being mean to me the day before. They were name-calling

and pushing me. They all hate me, I thought to myself as I was trying to sleep.

But I couldn't sleep so I decided to go for a walk in the forest. When I was in the forest I found your missing toy bag. I didn't know if it was your toy bag so I peeked inside it. I saw huge, shiny gifts with sparkly ribbons and bows. I pranced proudly!

By the time I got to the shop it was morning. You asked why

I was gone for so long. I said that I found your lost toy bag in the forest.

All of the other reindeer loved me. Their ears perked up in joy and their tails wagged. And if it weren't for me there would have been no Christmas.

From Rudolph
Abby Dykstra
Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa ...

My house is getting devoured! I have no place to live! AAAH! They're going to eat me! Help me! They're licking my icing off! They're eating my JubeJube buttons. Don't let them, please!

Well, I didn't survive. I ended up in a stomach. It's sooo gross. You'll never see me again Santa. I am dead!

From the Gingerbread Man
Brody Prentice

Dear Santa,

I am working too much. I am too tired to work right now. Santa, I want a break from painting all of the toys. Santa, can I please have a little nap because I am working too much building toys.

You make me work so hard I have blisters. That is why I need a nap or I might get grumpier at you!

If you let me have a raise in my pay I will be excited if you pay me \$8 more. You would be the best.

From your favourite elf
Destiny Brown

Dear Santa,

I am writing to you because I'm afraid of flying sleigh. I might crash into a house. I feel

scared.

I'm not very good at flying the sleigh. It is so heavy. I can't lift it. Can you help me fly the sleigh with some magic?

I feel strong and proud.

From Charlotte, the new reindeer
Lindsey

Dear Santa Claus,

I am HORRIFIED!! Santa, I am scared, scared, scared, I tell ya, scared!

Someone ate my gingerbread home. They chomped my roof to pieces and they munched all of my furniture. Now there's just a crumb left in the rubble.

So Santa, will you please, please get me a new home!

From Gingey, the Gingerbread Man
Travis Clarke

Dear Santa,

I was really, really excited about Christmas.

One day on Dec. 20 Santa got sick, so Mrs. Claus and me had to go out on Christmas.

At the 90th house I dropped right through the chimney; Mrs. Claus was right behind me. I dropped so fast; when I was down I knocked over the tree.

I said "oops", so Mrs. Claus and me picked up the tree. Only nine of the ornaments were broken.

"I wonder if they will wake up," I said. On my way out I knocked over a Barbie doll named Colleen. Oops! I had better scurry out of here.

From the Elf
Carrie Walker

Dear Santa,

I am upset and disappointed in you because you don't pay me much money. I make toys from Dec. 1 to Dec. 23 and never even get \$6!!

If you're wondering what I do besides make toys, what I do is make cookies in the workshop for you. I think you are happy with it so I'll keep making them. I would at least like \$100 or \$200 for making the toys.

From Elf
Owen Newell

Dear Santa,

I was feeling exited because I was swinging on the tree. The Christmas bulbs were mak-

ing my gold curves very shiny and sparkly. A sneaky little girl hit me with her shoulder.

I started to swing back and forth, then I made a ring-ding-ding sound. Suddenly, I tumbled down through the branches and that little girl stepped on me. I broke into many pieces. I was crying and disappointed.

Santa, next year can you fix me so I can go back on the tree?

From the Shiny Gold Bell
Gage Hutchinson

Dear Santa,

I am feeling awesome because I am in the cool breeze in the North Pole. I heard a sound, so I went to see what it was, but I couldn't see anything. The howling was getting louder.

Then I saw part of an Arctic Wolf. So I ran as fast as I could and then I met you, Santa, and I felt safe.

The reindeer were attached to the sleigh already. You put me on your sleigh. I wanted to fly your sleigh but I couldn't.

But when I grow up, I will!
From your friend Vixon
Liam Finnie

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I woke up in a bright room, and an elf was standing there. The elf threw me in a sac. At the 91st stop, I tumbled down the chimney. I got wrapped up. Ouch, ouch, ouch, I thought in my head. I wonder if I'll come back next year?

I heard a crunch; I heard Santa say, "Carrie the elf, put that present under that tree." I was very bright, shiny and I had a big pink bow. I felt like I got suffocated.

It was 8 a.m. I felt funny; something dropped me on the floor. I felt nervous.

Finally there was a loud thud. I saw brightness. I thought it was Santa's workshop, but then I heard screaming and yelling.

A kid opened my box. She said, "Mommy, mommy, mommy, I love it."

Everyday after that the girl played with me.

By the doll Colleen

Colleen Petric

Dear Santa,

You know my normal flavour. Sometimes you see me hanging on the tree or in a little kid's mouth. Last week, I went on this incredible trip and I changed my flavour to your favourite cookies: chocolate cookies. You have to try me - I am SO delicious. Now you don't have to get cookies every time you visit a house.

From the Candy Cane

Collin Thorpe

Dear Santa,

I am scared because people are rough with me. I was feeling excited because it was Christmas morning, but then I heard kids running down the stairs. The kids started to rip me in half so I yelled, "Ouch! Ouch! Ouch!" So the kids glued me back together.

It was the best Christmas ever.

From the Nutcracker

Damon

Christmas Miracle

On Christmas Eve, someone took all the snow. She wanted to ruin Christmas and warm up the North Pole, and Santa couldn't deliver the presents.

I can't fly without snow in the air.

It started to snow and it was almost midnight.

I thought that Christmas was destroyed. But it was a Christmas miracle. I couldn't believe it. It snowed and snowed; it was the most fantastic day of my life.

I wonder where the Christmas ruiner is. I love the smell of winter.

From Reindeer

Meryk

Dear Santa,

I'm upset because a man is trying to eat me! He caught me with a proud look on his face. He put me on a plate and grabbed some icing, and squeezed it on my body; it tickled me. Then he took me and took one bite out of my leg.

"Ouch!" I yelled. I escaped off the plate but he caught me before I could get away. Next, he took off my arms. That hurt, but the next day I was in the garbage.

From Ginger

Talissa Rogers

Hi Santa,

I hope things are busy and running smoothly at the North Pole and in the workshop. I want to let you know about a possible problem. I have been listening to the weather. There will be no snow at Christmas this year. I am very worried for the children.

Relax, calm down - I can do something to help you, Santa. I can make a snow day with magic.

From Jack Frost

Talus

Dear Santa,

I live in Carnarvon. I am six years old. Did I tell you I am a snowman? I live alone and I get scared at night. I have been a good snowman. So if possible, could you bring me a stuffed penguin to keep me safe at night?

I am very excited to meet Softy. I will watch for you and your reindeer on Christmas Eve.

From Snowball

Payton Saunders



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Letters to Santa

Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Brenda Brouwers

Dear Santa,

One Christmas I woke up in the morning so early. I could hardly bare to keep my eyes open. I ran out to the living room. I squealed, "MOM, DAD, LOOK AT ALL THE PRESENTS I GOT!!!" They were angry that I woke them up so early. I explained how I was tired too, and I could hardly keep my eyes open but I was so excited, I had to go look at all of my presents.

Then I ripped all my presents open. There was wrapping paper and bows flying everywhere. When my mom and dad came out they thought a hurricane had gone through the living room. Mom was so upset because she would have to clean the mess up. She squealed, "CODY!!! I WILL HAVE TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS!!! I am FURIOUS!!!"

So Santa, that Christmas wasn't the best Christmas. But after all the fighting we settled down with a really nice serving of turkey.

Sincerely,
Cody

My Dog Saved Christmas

Dear Santa

I still remember last year when Donner fell out of the reins and hit my roof, SMAAACK! He could have broken every bone in his body because of how hard he hit, but he only broke his leg. My dad and I went up on the roof and saw a reindeer with its leg snapped in half.

"Ooooh Nooooo!" I said. "Christmas is over!"

Santa came and landed on my lawn. He yelled, "I'm doomed!" We took Donner inside and put him in front of the fire. I thought of the best idea ever - my dog could help the sleigh fly.

Santa said, "It's worth a try." My dog started barking and I screamed, "My dog will save Christmas!" I was shocked that my dog was going to fly the sleigh.

We got outside and put my dog in the reins. On his first try getting the sleigh in the air, they got altitude really fast and they were off. We went back inside to see how Donner was doing. He was gone; I heard thumping roof trying to take off, and he wanted to find Santa. I told him Santa was coming back in the morning. He didn't listen so he hurt his leg more. So he had to come in. We locked all the doors and went to bed.

The next morning our dog was back. Donner was gone and there were presents under the tree.

Benn MacNaull

and Grandpa drove to my house to visit my brother, sister and I on Christmas. Then we opened our presents. It was awesome because they usually don't come to our house and watch us do that!

I gave my mom two glass cows as a present. My mom got wrappings for us to wrap presents. I wrapped it in a box with red and green wrapping paper so it looked Christmas-y.

I was excited to see what he reaction would be. She opened it and smiled in a really joyful way. My mom said thank you and then she gave me my present from her and dad. I was thinking to myself, I'm glad that it's a present from mom because no matter what I knew it would be good.

It was a DSI, and I was amazed. My face went 'cherry RED' because I had no idea. So we had some hot coco and then we opened our presents. There was one thing I wanted and it was for my dad to come and watch us open the rest of our awesome presents.

The sad thing is that my dad wasn't there even though it was a happy day. Other than that it was pretty good. It would have been better if he was there because all of my family would have been there.

From: Braden Kirkpatrick!

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Dear Santa

I had a great Christmas last year. The first thing I did was put up our very tall white Christmas tree in our living room. It was the best tree we ever had. Then we put up our Christmas lights. I



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Seasons Greetings



made the lights look like falling candy canes; it looked sooo cool!

I got up and it was one day until Christmas. I helped my mom cook the turkey. The kitchen was filled with yummy smells. We had more food to cook and it took a lot of time. Then I got to open one gift before Christmas. It was PJs. I was sooo happy!

I got up and it was Christmas!!! I was sooo excited. Quickly I ran up the stairs, and there was like 500 gifts scattered around the Christmas tree. I wanted to open ALL the presents. But I had to wake up my parents first. I got sooo many presents to open, it was AWE-SOME! Finally I openend my stocking, it was full of candy and chocolate. This is the BEST Christmas EVER, Santa! I hope I have more fun next year. I hope you will bring me a lot more presents next year.

From Ethan Gohm

Dear Santa,

I have been such a good girl! I have done my chores and I have listened to everything my mommy and daddy told me to do. This year I want a dolly and I want a little teddy bear and a lot of CHOCOLATE! Can you make them for me Santa?

It's all I want for Christmas. You can make them for me right?

I would be so happy on Christmas morning, when I see the toys under the tree. I will rush down the stairs and jump high up in the air because I am going to be so excited, joyful and happy!

I have baked you a lot of cookies, just for you! I have baked you a gingerbread man, and Christmas trees, and also YOU! I think they

look delicious, I want to eat one, but Santa, it's for you! Not me! I hope you like them as much as I do, they look so good!

When you come down the chimney, you will see the pretty Christmas tree and the smell of the cookies, you will fall in love. I will also put a nice glass of milk next to the plate of cookies! I set the cookies and milk up for you because I didn't want you to be hungry for your trip around the world!

I have decorated the tree with my mommy and daddy. It looks so pretty! I hope you like it! I LOVE it! I also hope you like the nice glass of milk and, the best part, the cookies! I made it for you because you're the best. I am very thankful for my family and friends, and also you Santa! I believe in you Santa!

Love your awesome seven-year-old friend
Avery

P.S. I hope you enjoyed reading my letter!

By: Grace Kim

My Not So Good Christmas

Dear Santa,

Last Christmas before bed I was making cookies to leave out for you. I had layered the sugar to the best of my ability and added sprinkles on the top. I had made some in the shape of trees, snowmen and even reindeer!

Then when I was taking the pan out of the oven I burned my hand! "Oouuch!" I yelled (it really hurt)! After washing my hands off and putting some bandages on, I tired one of the cookies just to make sure they tasted good. They did, and they were the best cookies I had ever tried! They tasted like vanilla with a hint of ginger.

It was getting late so I poured a glass of milk

and put the cookies beside it. I bumped into the table, suddenly I heard a loud CRASH. When I looked to see what it was I realized I had knocked over the milk. I quickly cleaned it up, and poured another glass. I went to get the cookies and ... I ... dropped one.

After that I decided to just go to bed, and let Mom put everything out. The next morning when I woke up and I ran downstairs. When I looked under the tree I was in awe. There had to be thousands of presents.

When I checked to see if you ate the cookies there was a note that said, "Merry Christmas, I hope you enjoy your presents! Love SANTA."

Do you remember that? I hope you do, because I had to have been the happiest little girl on the planet! So this Christmas I gave you a present. I hope you enjoy it!

Love Krystin Hope

Dear Santa,

I just wanted to tell you about my perfect Christmas last year, but ... it didn't end up so perfect. It all started when my mom and I built a gingerbread house. When I put the chimney on the house it all fell down. So I decided to put some gifts under the tree. Then the cat leaped on the tree and the tree fell down with a bang and the star fell on my head! My mom said I should go outside. On my way out I bumped into the nativity scene and broke baby Jesus! I put it back carefully and left.

I hoped that my mom wouldn't find out. When I was outside I made a snow angel, and as I was standing up a snowplow went by and

all the snow buried me!!! It was freezing! When I got out of the snow bank I decided to go inside.

I made a hot chocolate and spilled it on my jeans. I had to change so I went to my room. On my way up the stairs my dad dropped the tree down the stairs, so I jumped under the stairs and slept there for the night. When I woke up it was time to open gifts. Of course my presents were at the bottom of the pile and I had to open mine last. So Santa I want this year to be better.

From Mackenzie Porter

Dear Santa,

This year I had a great Christmas but ... I don't think I deserved to get coal in my stocking! I tried to be good this year, I don't remember doing anything that would cause you to give me coal! I'm EXTREMELY upset that you gave me coal. I'm not complaining, but seriously, could you have explained why you gave me coal? I think I was pretty good but clearly you disagree.

I can only remember putting a frog in Jocelyn's shoe, but that was because she put a mouse in my bed. Oh, and I also remember putting blueberries in Jill's sweater but that was because she put strawberries in my shirt! I was just doing it to be funny, I didn't know that blueberries stained clothes, it's not my fault. But you have to admit, it was hilarious when Jill screamed, "NOOO! BLUEBERRIES STAIN!!!" It was funny when Jocelyn was running around yelling, "THERE'S A FROG IN MY SHOE, THERE'S A FROG IN MY SHOE!" You should have seen her face.

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We look forward to your continued support!

But, let's get back to the coal in the stocking. I think I was pretty good this year other than those incidences, but, as I mentioned, I HAD A GOOD REASON TO DO THAT!

I promise that next Christmas I will be better and I won't put anything in Jocelyn's shoes or Jill's sweater. I also PROMISE that I will leave you out those chocolate cookies that you love, but not because I want you to give me good presents, just as a friendly offering. I hope you have a great Christmas, and say hi to Rudolph for me.

Hailey Anderson

My Favourite Christmas

Dear Santa,

My favourite Christmas was in the year 2010. First my brother and I were trying to race you, Santa, on our snowmobile. The snowmobile was very loud. We drove on Matabanick Road, and on our property and kept trying. But you were too fast in your sleigh. In 2014 I hope to race you again and beat you.

GOOD LUCK! But have fun.

The presents you had left under the tree were great. I jumped up and down when we opened the presents. Then my family and I tore the wrapping off like wild insane rabid wolves. The wrapping was everywhere in the coffee shop! We took one whole hour cleaning up. We dropped on the floor laughing because we took sooo long to clean up the wrapping. It was truly the beest Christmas ever! I felt awesome!!

From: Michal Swiezawski

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? How are the elves? Are you and the reindeer ready for Christmas? Do you have all the presents ready for the boys and girls?

I'm doing good. I'm very excited for Christmas because I can't wait to rip open all the presents and see my family! We have our Christmas tree up with all the ornaments on it! It looks very pretty! Both my brother and I put up the angel on the top of the tree. This year we have the green tree up, not the silver one. I can't WAIT to see presents under it.

My brother and I got some new saucers! We went sledding at our grandma's. We made a jump at the bottom of the hill so every time we went down we would go off the jump! It was really fun!

Well, I hope you have a good Christmas!

P.S. I would like an iPad for Christmas!

From Ruthie Parker

Dear Santa

I think that you should give me and my dad more presents this Christmas because we saved you last Christmas. Remember, you fell off the roof! If you don't remember, I'll tell you what happened, okay...

My dad and I were sitting downstairs opening our last presents when THUMP! CRACK! We got on our shoes and ran outside. It looked like a fat red blob hit the ground. When we picked you up we realized it was Santa! I couldn't believe it was really you. Your sled was so so so stuck! We brought you inside and you were hungry so we gave you one carton of milk and 13 boxes of cookies. I wonder how you didn't pop!!! I couldn't even eat of box of cookies and you just ate 13 boxes.

My dad and I had to save Christmas!!! After you were done your cookies and milk we got the excavator out and you climbed up in the sled and my dad hit the sled with the boom of the excavator, and it was just enough to get you unstuck, and WOOOOOSH! You were airborne. My dad and I were heroes!

P.S. Santa you still owe me \$13 in cookies and \$7 in milk!!!

Sincerely

Quintin Beaver

Christmas Recount

Dear Santa

One night on Christmas Eve, it was a really snowy night and the wind coming into my window was whistling like a train. It was really cold but I did not want to get out of my bed. I finally got out and closed the window, and told my mom that I could not sleep. I did not think that I would be able to fall asleep. She said, "Try harder." So next I got in my bed and finally fell asleep.

Next I woke up and ran into my parents' room and said, "Get up now, it's Christmas." My dad rolled over and said, "Go back to bed Ryan we will get up in half an hour." I said, "Come on, Dad, it's 8 o'clock." He moaned and said, "Ten minutes, Ryan." I said, "Fine then Dad." I ran to my brother's room and said, "Get up, you have 10 minutes!!!"

I sat on my bed for 10 minutes, but it felt like an hour, I was so excited. I got up and got my family and ran downstairs. It was so awesome!!!

There were so many presents! I did not know what present to start with. So I went right to my stocking and dumped all the stuff out of it. It was fun but I wanted to open up all of the bigger presents. I could smell something in the kitchen that smelled really good. So I ran out to the kitchen and saw some cinnamon rolls that my mom made the night before. I said, "Mom, can we have them?" and mom said, "No! Start opening presents," so I ripped them open. I found some good things and some not so good things like clothes. I think that it was a good Christmas.

P.S. Santa, did you get any presents? And have you started



making presents for next year?

Ryan Hall

Dear Mrs. Brouwers

Last year on Christmas day I woke up early around 5:30. I walked calmly into the living room and I was a whole bunch of presents scattered under the tree. Then my dad woke up a few minutes after me. I thought that my dad had bought all the presents himself. I was sooo excited about all the presents. I wondered where all the presents came from. Then we had to go back to bed so Santa could deliver the rest of the presents.

When both my parents woke up I was in deep deep deep

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trouble because I already opened two presents and they were not mine.

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Then my oldest sister woke up and came downstairs, and her mouth fell open. After Stephanie got her breakfast, Jonah woke up and came downstairs. He asked me what I did to get such a mess?

Then Jonah went and got his breakfast. Cheyenne woke up and came speedily down the stairs and she said, "Jordan, what the heck are you doing up this early anyway?" After Cheyenne went and got her breakfast my mom woke up and she started to yell like crazy because there was a whole bunch of present wrapping paper all over the just vacuumed floor. Then mom called, "Jordan, get this mess cleaned up immediately."

Then we had a wonderful day.

From Jordan Pearson

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Dear Santa,

One Christmas morning, when I was nine I woke up at 6 o'clock in the morning! I ran downstairs (THUMP THUMP THUMP) to my parents' bedroom and woke them up and said, "It's Christmas morning!" We made hot chocolate and then we sat with it while we open our presents.

My dogs sleep in my parents' bedroom, so when I went back upstairs to wake up my brother they followed me. I wonder if he's awake? I didn't even get to my brother's bedroom door before he said, "I know Matea. It's Christmas morning. Blah, Blah, Blah." "Hurry up!" I said. I ran downstairs, started boiling the kettle and got everything ready for hot chocolate.

Then I heard my parents come upstairs and sit on the couch and my brother came downstairs. I brought hot chocolate to everyone. It tastes so good! I took a sip and a warm feeling went through my body. I sat on the floor with my hot chocolate and started handing out presents.

I love Christmas.

Matea

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Last Year's Christmas

Dear Santa,

I woke up at 4 A.M. and got so anxious I had to get someone up ... I knew if I woke my mom and dad they would be moody all day! I woke my brother up. He always liked it when I woke him up for Christmas but last year he was different. He lied on the couch and was too boring just like a sick kid on a couch.

I feel like on Christmas you shouldn't be boring, you should just act like a five-year-old, it's your day to get together with your family. I know all my family members act like a little kid because

everyone is so pumped for Christmas. Everyone in my family always has a great time together during Christmas.

At 8 a.m. my mom and dad were awake and we started getting the food out for when people came over for Christmas breakfast.

At 10 a.m. everyone came over and we talked, ate and best part of all, OPENED PRESENTS!!! I got my first iPod 5, but it wasn't that easy to get into! I had to open 10 boxes and three things of wrapping paper to get my iPod. I ripped all the paper and boxes, TEEEEEAAARR. My mom thought it would be fun for me but I started to get annoyed! Mom also thought it was funny that I was getting annoyed! Finally I got the iPod and it was my best present yet! I wonder if Santa has ever had a present that is sooo hard to get into? My favourite part of Christmas is getting together with family...and...opening presents!

Finally after a while everyone ate dinner and just visited, and we played games such as Charades, Apples to Apples and more! I loved Christmas so much last year!

Anyways I hope next year my Christmas is just like this year but BETTER!!!

P.S. Say hi to the elves and Rudolph for me

Sincerely

Jocelyn Babineau

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Santa Story

Once upon a time, there was a fat jolly Santa. He was sick, and he couldn't get all the presents to the nice children. Of course in every story there is someone who saves the day. In this story a young boy named Tom Rickey unexpectedly saves Santa.

Tom was asleep a week before Christmas when he just woke up and remembered something. A week before that he had headed up north with his older brother. His brother had passed away up there, or so he thought. This is the story about a young boy who finds out who is under the mask of "Santa". He asked his family to go back up north. His parents didn't want to because apparently his brother goes away every winter and comes back on Christmas Day.

Tom decided he was going to go anyway. Tom caught a train that took him up north to the valley his brother got desperately sick in. He hoped his brother was still there, he hoped he didn't pass. As he walked through the valley late at night he kept seeing this hologram of his brother lying on a bed coughing. He was too frightened by it to even think about it, so he ignored it every time. BANG! He saw a flash and fell and fainted. He woke up six hours later in a room with his brother. He screamed and tried to get out! He was absolutely petrified, he thought it was a poltergeist. His brother told him in a weak voice that he was too sick to travel the world.

Tom wondered what his brother meant, and then a flash hit



the room and his brother was wearing a torn red suit with a torn red hat. Tom had to get his brother to the hospital or it might have been his last Christmas. He got his brother to the nearest medical center. After an hour of shivering with goose bumps, his brother came out of the emergency room. The doctor said he would be better in a couple days but he should lay low. Tom worked up the guts to ask his brother what was going on. His brother asked him if he believed in Santa. Tom thought to him-



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self, "no," but his brother told him that the one that everybody called Santa was HIM. His brother told him that words he would never forget: "You have saved me and Christmas, thank you."

One Week Later on Christmas Eve: Tom was at home sitting on the couch doing nothing but thinking if he should keep the whole "Santa" thing to himself. He was nervous, he wondered if his brother would be well. Tom remembered how before he had got on the train to go home he said to his brother, "I know you will get better." Tom thought he had jinxed his brother's chances of getting better, but it was understandable to be nervous. His brother could still be sick. Tom was awake until 5 a.m. waiting for his brother. Just as he was about to fall asleep, his brother was leaning on his door and in a

quiet laughing voice said, "Surprise, guess who is here?" Tom gave him a quick wink and asked him, "Have all the presents been dropped off?" His brother smiled and said, "Yes, thanks to you." Tom's brother left Tom's room, and Tom smiled and went to sleep.

The End
By Nigel Smith

Dear Santa,
This letter is not about what I want. This is just to talk to you about the best Christmas ever. This happened years ago, I was five years old and it was Christmas Eve. I had left out some cookies, and carrots too, and also left you a glass of milk, and a letter. It said, "Have I been good or bad? I left you mint cookies with your

milk. Enjoy!"

What you said back was, "I am sorry, I don't like mint cookies, I didn't like the milk, it was old and gross, and someone had ate the carrots." When I woke up I was so excited! But then I read the note and I felt so sad! All I got was presents from my parents. They were books. But you filled my stocking!...with coal.

I no longer believe in Santa. Later that night I was outside playing with my coal when I saw a red light in the sky. It was Santa. The man himself said I may have been mean to you, I am sorry. I was speechless; all I said was "Oh my, you're him?!" But then I asked him why he doesn't like mint cookies. He said, "I don't like them because they melt in my mouth weirdly." Santa asked me if there was something I wanted for Christmas. "Well, of course!" Santa said, "Ho Ho Ho, I bet I know what it is!" POOOOOF! I opened my eyes and saw all the elves looking at me saying, "It's her, get her a toy, the one she asked for!" I got up and saw all the elves and Santa looking at me. One of the elves name Jill gave me a gift. I opened it up ... there it was, looking at me, a new purple bike! I

yelled at the top of my lungs. "THANK YOU!!!" POOOOF! Santa poofed me back home with my bike. That was the best Christmas EVER!!!

P.S. Do you still not like mint cookies?
From Trista Greer

Dear Santa
This is What I Did Last Christmas

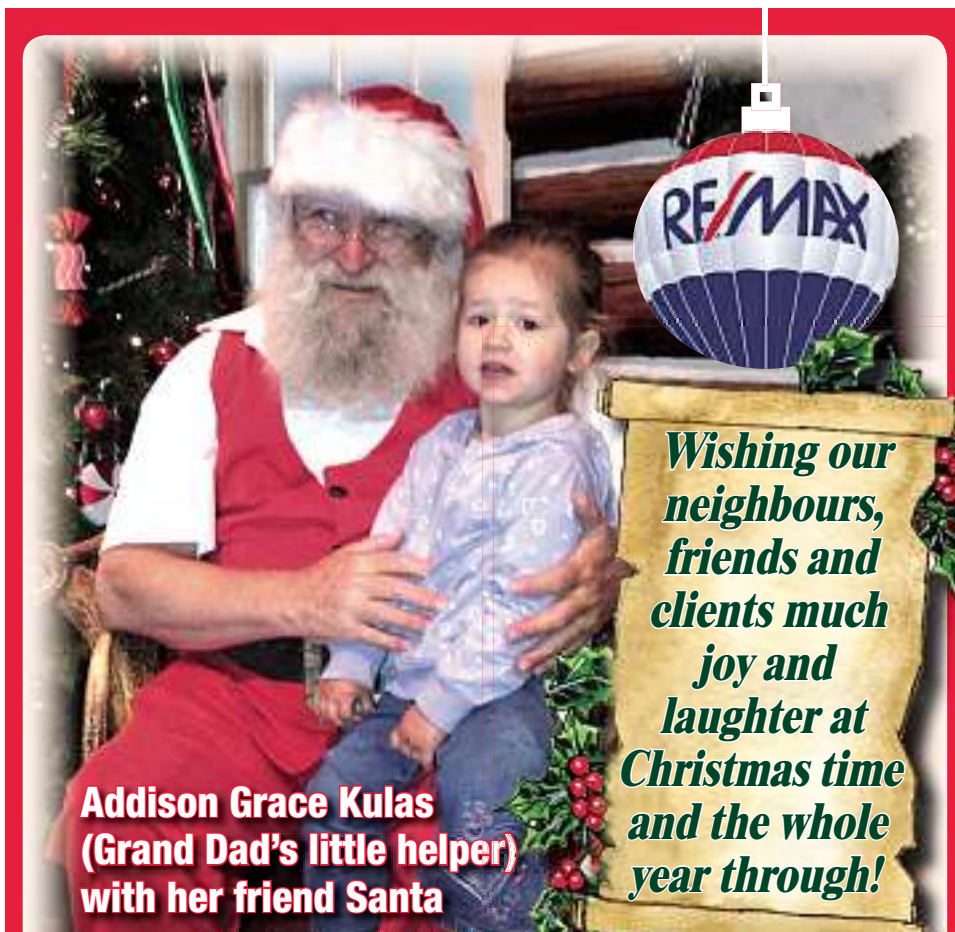
One year on Christmas Eve I was at my aunt's house. My cousin, my brother and I went ATV-ing and snowmobiling in the bush.

On our ATV's we went through all the mud holes, the mud went up past my head. The ATV motor was smoking. We went back to the house to have lunch.

Next we took the snowmobiles on the ice. We were puddle jumping, and the water was SPLASHING UP!! I was 100 per cent wet. After we went up the big hill to the house I flipped the snowmobile. When we go it back up the right way I was like a snowman. When we got back to the house it was getting dark, so before it got too dark we went to have a snowball war. We made forts to hide the snowballs. Next we started and my team was beating them. I

could hear snowballs flying by my head. The next thing I knew a snowball was flying through the air, and it was like everything slowed down and a snowball was coming at my face. I could hear it going through the air and finally hit me. There was snow all down my coat and stuck to my hat. Thanks for the great Christmas.

P.S. the presents were great.
By Brady Baldry



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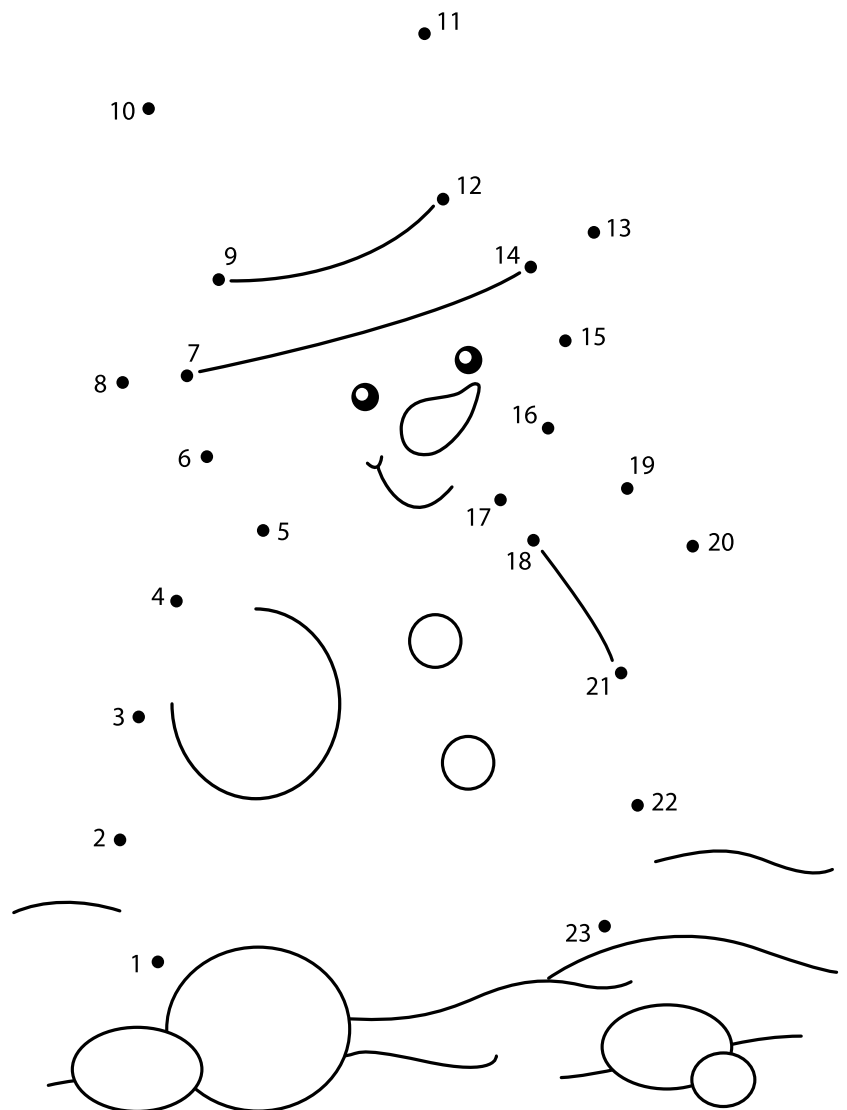
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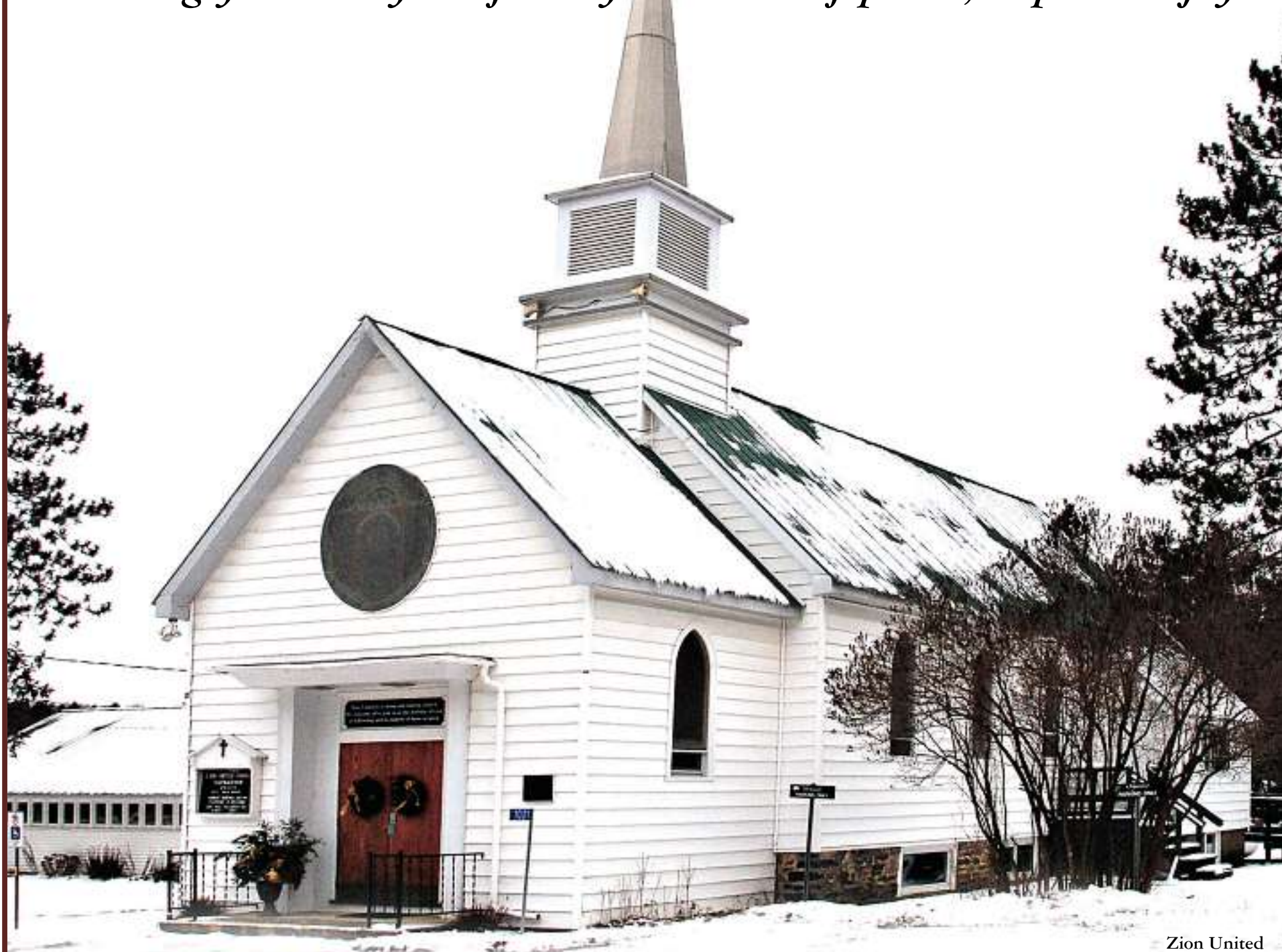
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Hawks host wrestling event

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Invitational showcased talented young wrestlers from all over. Although cancelled school buses limited the number of wrestlers who competed, the event still drew close to 40 from Port Hope, Norwood and Cobourg. It was supposed to have drawn more than 100. The small field of competitors enabled the coaching staff to conduct a two-and-a-half hour clinic before the matches.



Above, Red Hawks wrestler James McEathron (44 kilograms), right, pushes against Brody Tinney of Cobourg during the Haliburton Highlands Wrestling Invitational meet at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, Dec. 13. Left, Red Hawks wrestler Greg Crofts (72 kilogram), top, looks for the pin against Nick Brown of Cobourg District Collegiate Institute East.



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Senior Red Hawks' basketball team hitting stride



Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There's more to the game than just the score says senior Red Hawks basketball coach.

Paul Longo was quick to compliment his team's most recent performance despite a 31-21 loss to the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons.

"For us that was a big step in the right direction. We competed hard for every ball. We believed we could win. We took good shots. Our offence was a lot better, more fluid. We played really, really good d," he said. "I'm happy with the way it was and played out. It certainly is something to build on."

The first half's ineffective scoring, he said, was characteristic of any senior high school basketball game when defence is tough.

Longo adds the shots by his team were good, but they just did not fall for points.

"Overall it was pretty good. Compared to our first couple games this was a big step," he said.

After the first quarter's six combined points, the two teams improved slightly, but still only managed 21 combined points by halftime.

A few minutes into the second quarter the Red Hawks were leading 9-3, but the Falcons erased much of the lead going into the half down 11-10. Longo discounted the loss of the six point lead.

Darren Lum Staff

Red Hawks forward Jennifer Robinson, left, is double-teamed going up for a short jump shot against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Haliburton on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Robinson, finished with six points, but the Hawks lost 31-21.

"Six points in basketball is not a big lead. They had a nice little run there in the third quarter. We had a little bit of a letdown at the beginning of the third, but we fought back, which was nice. We got it back to a six-point game," he said. "It's basketball. Everybody has their runs."

Down the stretch the team narrowed the deficit 24-18 with a little more than five minutes left in the game.

This was the result of a full-court press, which resulted in several Falcons turnovers. The Hawks also employed a zone offence.

The Hawks scored seven in the fourth to the Falcons' 10 points. It was far better than the third when the red and white were out scored 11-3.

It wasn't enough though; the visitors hung on to win 31-21.

The Falcons are 2-1 while the Hawks remain winless on the season.

Hawks post player Travis Carroll, who is a raw talent, demonstrated his potential with a great game.

"It's great seeing Travis knocking balls out of people's hands," he said, referring to play nearing the end.

Jennifer Robinson, who also had six rebounds, Nick Thompson and Cory Proctor each had six points to lead the Hawks in the loss.

The team contended with a short bench with several players out of the lineup because of a field trip.

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Bantam AE Storm play hard over four games

Tom Prentice Trucking's Bantam AE Highland Storm hosted the prestigious International Silver Stick Tournament this past weekend in Haliburton. Six evenly matched teams were included this year, which provided for some excellent hockey throughout the weekend. The Storm started early Saturday morning against their long-time rival, the Ennismore Eagles.

Alex Petrie got things rolling on the very first shift, scoring on a one-timer from the slot after a nice feed from Alec Stoughton at the side boards.

It may have been the early morning start or it could have been some nerves, but Ennismore quickly stormed back to score four unanswered goals. Matt Manning was able to gain a goal back in the third with helpers from Jon Morrison and Carter O'Neill, but Ennismore had control by then and ended up winning 5-2. Momentum continued to work against the Storm in their second game against Prince Edward County as the Kings took an early two goal lead in a penalty-filled first period. Once they settled down though, the Storm carried the play but were not rewarded for the effort and lost 2-0.

This set up a must-win in every possible way for their final round robin game against the undefeated Lakefield Chiefs.

The tournament point system meant that our boys had to not just win the game but win every period to maximize the points needed to get into the semi-finals on Sunday and boy, did they respond.

Devyn Prentice fed Mitchell Billings who strode across

the blue line and ripped one top shelf to get things going and Aiden Garbutt's shot from the point found its way through a maze of players to give the squad a two goal lead. In the second, Devyn Prentice scored a beautiful goal, using their defence as a screen and wristing one past the Chief 'tender. Goalie Ryan Hannah made some great saves to shut down the Chiefs and finally, some spade work by Trevor Turner and Sam Longo helped feed Matt Manning from the point, sealing the win and a spot in the semis against the Huntsville Otters on Sunday in Minden.

It was a frustrating game to watch as an early goal squeaked through to give Huntsville the only goal they would need. The Storm played well though, and carried the play for most of the game.

Credit goes to the Otter goalie who is the reason our boys were held without a goal. Although there were moments in the early going of the tournament, the

Storm deserve credit for playing hard over the four games. If not, for some unlucky bounces things may have turned out entirely differently which in the end, makes hockey such a great game to watch and play.

Special thanks go to our manager, Dana Manning, who continues to be a great ambassador for Highland Storm, making all the teams feel welcome and appreciated for participating.

Thank you also to the tireless work of Andrea Prentice and all the parents who volunteered to make this a fantastic, well-organized tournament weekend.

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Storm remain undefeated

The Highland Storm Smolen's Dentistry Bantam A team played their 16th regular season game on Friday in Haliburton and they kept their undefeated season streak alive as they beat Almaguin 10-0. Parker Smolen made some big saves in the pipes to earn the shut out. Chris Thompson scored a hat trick, Paydon Miscio and Matt Wilbee with two each, while Greg Crofts, Andrew Hall and Josh Boice scored one. Assists went to Chase Burden, Owen Patterson-Smith and Greg Crofts all with two, Nolan Flood, Mark Seville, Owen Smitty Smith, Boice, Miscio, Wilbee, and Thompson with one assist. Storm's next game is Friday night in Minden at 7 p.m. against Parry Sound.

Submitted by Tammy Smith

Peewee A battle Huntsville

Dollo's Highland Storm Peewee A team played South Muskoka in Bracebridge on Friday night and showed up short two of their usual 10 skaters. The result against the top team in points in the Muskoka-Parry Sound league was a lackluster effort ending in a 6-3 loss. The Highland Storm goals game from Owen Gilbert, Lucas Haedicke and Nick Dollo.

The Highland Storm Peewee A team travelled to Huntsville on Saturday night for a much more interesting match-up. After watching our Atom A team tie Huntsville in a high-scoring game the Peewee As took to the ice for a game that was the complete opposite. These two evenly matched teams for the second game in a row played to a 0-0 tie that was exciting to watch. The Highland Storm were a little shaky in the first two minutes but cranked up their game with some good shots on goal and despite taking more than their share of penalties continued to play an awesome penalty kill. The second period was an even match-up with solid defence for both teams with neither side able to maintain continuous pressure in the offensive zone. In the third period Owen Gilbert slipped through

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Storm goalie played a great game

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the Huntsville defence for a breakaway but his shot was stopped by the goalie. The Storm team took a penalty late in the third period giving Huntsville an opportunity but again our team played an excellent penalty kill. With a minute and half left in the game, however, there was a wild scramble in front of the Storm goal. The Highland Storm defenders frantically but successfully batted away the puck several times until they could finally clear it out of their zone. Storm goalie Carson Sisson played a great game including one stop he made on a Huntsville forward that successfully deked around our defence to put a shot on net from close in.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Midget A has tight game against Parry Sound

The Highland Storm's Midget A team, proudly sponsored by the Highlander, had the pleasure of travelling to Parry Sound Friday night and Sunday for back to back games. On Friday night, the Storm found themselves down two players and had to make adjustments to their lines. This seemed to give the team a sense of purpose, with everyone picking up their game. At the intermission, Storm led 2-0 in a tight game. Coming out in the third, and down another man, the visitors "stormed" the home team, scoring four unanswered goals in the first four minutes to take the game 6-0. Sunday saw a near repeat performance.

The Storm would score five times, making smart plays and keeping their heads in the game. The buzzer would sound to end the game giving the visiting team another shout out and a 5-0 victory.

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

Girls play three high-energy games

The Highland Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls opened a three-game weekend

of hockey Friday night in Minden against the tenacious Keene Wolverines.

The Storm girls used an energy-focused attack to elevate their game-play and capitalized on their chances to defeat Keene. Kelsey Maracle opened the scoring in the first period after the Storm had hemmed Keene in their own end. Sydney Feir finished off a two-on-one with Erin Little in the second period to extend the Storm lead to 2-0. Midway through the third period period Alicia McLean finished off a sweet pass with a quick

snapshot the beat the Keene tender clean. The Wolverines never gave up and spoiled the shut-out win with 34 seconds left in the game. Final score 3-1. Great game, girls!

On Saturday, the Storm squad travelled to Whitby to take on the ever-tough Wolves in an evening match-up. The Storm jumped out to an early 2-0 in the first period with goal-mouth scramble goals by Brynn Meyers and Erin Little. Many scoring chances were generated by the Storm

but the scrambled style of play, due to Whitby's relentless attack, kept the under-estimated Wolves in the game. The Wolves chipped away at the Storm lead and tied the game midway through the third period. In the dying seconds of the game, Whitby continued to pressure the Storm and with less than a minute left in the game, scored the game-winning goal with a turn-over deep in the Storm end and quick wrister that found its way into the net. Three unanswered goals gave Whitby the 3-2 win, handing the Storm just their third loss of the season.

On Sunday afternoon, the Storm hosted the Cold Creek Comet C club in Haliburton. A truly spirited affair saw the Storm sneak out a 9-1 win in a lopsided game. Cold Creek lost their goalie to an injury just seconds into the third period with the score 5-0. Both teams agreed to finish the game after a short delay to allow the Comets to replace their goalie with a line-up juggle. The Storm did the same, as Cassidy Garbutt strapped on the goalie riggin' and Connor Marsden jumped up on the wing almost sniping a goal to go with her two-period shut-out. Storm goals went to Alicia McLean, Erin Little, Cassidy Garbutt, Jamie Little (2) and Kelsey Maracle (4). Nice way to finish girls before the winter break playing hard, but having fun.

The Highland Storm midget girls sit in third place with a record of 11-3-3. Recharge over the winter break, girls, as we get ready to forge ahead into play-off mode and continue to elevate our level of play with focus and energy. Special thanks to Canadian Tire for the early presents of Storm toques and shirts - they will get lots of use as we wrap up our regular season with our five road games in the New Year.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Gift wrapping by donation



Legion br. 636

Have you dug out from under the snow yet? Why not take a break from the cold and come to the Minden Legion for lunch?

Sit by the warm fireside and enjoy the featured meal of the day, freshly prepared and served by our volunteer crews. Or just have a cup of hot coffee or your favourite beverage and watch the Big Screen TV!

Last Wednesday the weather did not co-operate for the regular Meat Draws, but this Wednesday's draw is a special one for Christmas.

For just \$2 a ticket, you can get a chance at all the draws for a ham or a turkey, four draws for each. The meat is still quality, fresh from the Butcher shop choice meats. This particular Meat Draw is even more popular than the regular one, so be sure to come early to guarantee yourself a seat!

Friday is another very popular day, when the lunch menu is fresh battered fish and hand-cut chips. Friday night will be the last chance before Christmas to take your honey out for supper at the Minden Legion. Fresh-battered fish & chips or wings and chips will be served from 5 to 7 with takeout available.

Minden Legion volunteers would also like to help out the last-minute shoppers by offering a gift-wrapping service Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4. There's no set charge, just by donation with proceeds going to support the Legion and its activities.

Bring your gifts, sit and relax and have an excuse to watch the NFL game, while we do the wrapping for you! Merry Christmas to everyone from the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Branch 636.



Remembrance Day poster winners

Above, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 student Johnathon Watson's poster earned first place in the primary (kindergarten to Grade 3) category.

Left, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 7 student Denver Allore's colour poster earned first place in the intermediate poster category. Congratulations to all winners. See more on page 18.

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 7 student Denver Allore's black and white poster is the winner of the intermediate category.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is about remembering all of the Canadians that died or have families that went through all of the wars that we have gone through. Remembrance Day happens every year, on November 11th. This is a very important day because of all of the people that died, were protecting us Canadians.

The wars that Canadians went through killed a lot of people. But some lived. Remembrance Day reminds us to be very kind to our veterans because they either went through the war and lived, or had a close family member go through the war. This must have been very hard for them.

Also, it is very respectful to wear a poppy on Remembrance Day because it is like a symbol to remember all of the people that died during wars. So if you would like to be polite and respectful on Remembrance Day, wear a poppy.

When our veterans need help, Our Royal Canadian Legions give them money when needed. The legions also help keep Remembrance Day going, such as getting involved in all of our Remembrance Day parades, so we need to thank them for their work.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School student Liam McAlister's essay.



Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 student Annarose Kilpatrick's poster won second place.

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Far left, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 5 student Jordanna Mavor's colour poster in the junior poster category. Left, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 7 student Cassidy Mahler's colour poster in the intermediate poster category.

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First Christmas cookie kitchen a success



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In from Barb Townes: "Thank you from the Dorset Community Project Group, Dorset Lions and Friends for all the support from the Dorset area for the Annual Food and Toy Drive for the Salvation Army. Santa and his elves collected over 1.3 tons of items along with financial support. Thirty-two volunteers drove, collected, sorted, and packed from Lions Camp Dorset. A huge thank you from all of us to all of you for making this project a success! If you were unfortunately missed or you forgot, there will be a buggy in Robinson's General Store for another eight or nine days. Merry Christmas to you and your's."

The first annual Dorset Christmas cookie community kitchen was a great success with 10 ladies attending to make pecan shortbread refrigerator cookies to take home to bake. Lots of fun was had by all and the group got into the Christmas spirit by singing Jingle Bells to start the event and ending with *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* to say goodbye. Each participant went home with three "logs" of pecan shortbread to bake, one with red cherries, one with green cherries and one either plain or with chocolate chips. All agreed it was a great activity and are already talking about what cookies to make next year. There was even talk of starting up a monthly community kitchen with different themes like soups or casseroles. If you would be interested in participating in a community kitchen, give the recreation centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Knox United Church on Harvey Avenue in

Dorset is celebrating the season of love and hope, the season of Christmas. On Sunday, Dec. 22, the fourth Sunday in Advent, love is the focus of the celebration as we prepare for the coming of the greatest gift into the world. Sunday services are at 9 a.m. at Knox United in Dorset, 10:15 a.m. at Stewart Memorial in Dwight and 11:30 a.m. at Pioneer Memorial in Hillside.

The United Churches of Lake of Bays Christmas Eve Candle Light Celebrations on December 24 worship times are 4 p.m. at Knox United in Dorset (Harvey Avenue), 7 p.m. at Pioneer United in Hillside (2370 Hwy 60) and 10 p.m. at Stewart Memorial in Dwight (1212 Dwight Beach Road) and all are most welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.lakeofbaysunitedchurches.org.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands offices, the Dorset Recreation Centre and the

Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library will be closed between Christmas and New Years starting at noon on Dec. 24 and re-opening for regular hours on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 15 to 21 go out to Thomas Keown, Tony Arkell and Jim Jones. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

Christmas Eve celebrations at the Lake of Bays Anglican Parish are taking place at 4:30 p.m. at St. James, Port Cunnington, 7 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene, Dorset and at 9 p.m. at St. Ambrose, Baysville (candlelight service).

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

Reduce the risk of illness this holiday season safely

Avoid foodborne illness this holiday season by keeping food safety in mind when gathering with friends and family to enjoy a home-cooked meal and the usual festive fixings.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is reminding local residents that proper and safe food handling is even more important when people get together to celebrate the season. Food that is contaminated by viruses, parasites and bacteria, such as *Campylobacter*, can spoil the fun of holiday get-togethers and make people very sick, warns a Health Unit staff member.

"Food is a big part of the festivities, so preparing foods safely should be a priority to reduce the risk of foodborne illness," says Richard Ovcharovich, Manager of Environmental Health with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Foodborne illness occurs more frequently than people think, he adds. Each year, the Public Health Agency of Canada estimates one in eight Canadians, or four million people, will get sick from a foodborne illness. In many cases, foodborne illness can result when people do not consistently follow safe food-handling practices.

"A large percentage of foodborne illness cases take place in the home, so don't open the door to this unwanted guest," Ovcharovich adds. "A recipe for food safety is one of the best things to serve family and friends this holiday season."

To reduce the risk of illness this holiday season the Health Unit offers the following food safety tips:

1. Get off to a clean start. Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before, during and after preparing foods. Sanitize countertops, cutting boards and utensils with a mild bleach and water solution. Wash all produce thoroughly before

preparing, eating or cooking.

2. Remember the two-hour rule when entertaining with a large meal or buffet. Perishable foods should not be left out at room temperature for longer than two hours. If in doubt, throw it out!

3. Cook foods thoroughly and serve immediately. Keep hot foods hot with warming trays, chafing dishes or slow cookers that measure at least 60 degrees Celsius. Keep cold foods cold by resting serving dishes on crushed ice.

4. When serving food, use small bowls or trays. This helps to ensure the temperature of food remains even, and also prevents food from being left out too long.

5. When traveling, wrap hot food in foil, heavy towels or insulated containers to keep a 60 degrees Celsius temperature. Repeat thoroughly before serving. Put cold foods in a cooler with ice or freezer packs to keep them at four degrees Celsius or lower.

6. If preparing a frozen turkey, start thawing it in the fridge several days before roasting. Allow 24 hours of defrosting time for every 2.5 kg (five pounds) of turkey. Ensure leak-

ing juices do not contaminate other foods in the fridge. Never thaw a turkey on the kitchen counter.

7. The goal of cooking a turkey is to reach high enough internal cooking temperatures (82 degrees Celsius) to kill bacteria. Rather than checking for the juices to run clear to let you know the turkey is done, it is better to use a

meat thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey. The best place to check the temperature is the inner thigh just above the bone. Stuffing should be cooked outside the turkey and reach a temperature of 74 degrees Celsius.

For more food safety tips, contact your local health unit office or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

community calendar

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Dec 17: Children's Christmas Party at St. James Anglican Church Kinmount from 4-7 Christmas cookie decorating, pizza supper, Christmas movie, and visit from Santa. All free

Diner's Club Minden United Church : second Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. (Lower Level), Minden. Info Brigitt at Community Care 705-457-2941, www.communitycarehaliburton.com.

Dec 21: Christmas at the Museum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Join us to make holiday decorations, enjoy treats and celebrate the Victorian way! Different activities every week! Contact: 705-457-2760 or info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

Dec 22: Essonville Historic Church Carol Sing-along beginning at 7 p.m.

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St. Patrick's Parish Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule:

St. Patrick's Church Kinmount

December 24th

7:00 PM Children & Family Christmas Mass

December 25th

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

January 1st

9:00 AM Feast of Mary Mother of God

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Minden

December 24th

5:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant

December 24th

9:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

December 25th

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

January 1st

10:30 am Feast of Mary Mother of God

Two Christmas Eve services offered



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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This year a new Christmas tree stands in the old farmhouse. Ordered on line the 7.5 foot spruce complete with 1,000 tiny clear lights is now decked out with an array of wonderfully mismatched ornaments from years gone by many handmade with names of the crafters laboriously printed on the back.

In the early married years our tree was

a decorator's delight with trendy matching blue and silver ornaments hung on its uniform plastic branches. With the Christmas morning arrival of David Fraser back in 1962 priorities changed and the need for a real tree went without saying. That next year our busy boy managed to eat much of a brightly coloured ball from a low branch fortunately with no harm other than a reprimand for his Mom from Poison Control at Sick Kids Hospital. To avoid a repeat the year that Megan began crawling we set the tree up safely inside a playpen. Once the farm became so much part of our family life cutting a fresh tree was tradition although we never solved the mystery of

where that perfect selected specimen in the summer field disappeared to on a bone chilling winter morning. Still today David and Rita have always had a huge natural tree in their city home and this past weekend we smiled as son Graeme loaded a freshly cut spruce into his truck on its way back to Ajax.

With Christmas fast approaching don't delay in putting your donation of a new, unwrapped toy under one of the Angel Trees set up by the Kinmount and District Lions Club at the Post Office, Credit Union, Shop 'N Save, Gateway General Store, the Health Centre and Kinmount Pharmacy. Non perishable food items can also be placed there for hampers to support needy families. The Lions Club is also selling delicious holiday baking items including both light and dark fruitcake, shortbread cookies, truffles and more. These can be purchased at several local businesses or by calling Vic at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005.

Friends of the Galway [F.O.G.] will hold its third meeting Friday, Dec. 20 at the Galway Hall with a Pot Luck Supper starting at 5:30 p.m. After supper there will be a sharing of Galway Christmas stories. In 2013 the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey was renamed Township of Trent Lakes. F.O.G. is an informal group brought together to preserve the social history of proud Galway Township through the oral and written memories of those who grew up or spent family time there and

its present residents both long standing or relative newcomers. If you would like to participate or need more information give Bill Lee a call at 705-488-2625.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of December but closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Again the Marketplace will remain closed through the month of January for upgrades. If need arises during that closure please contact me at 705-488-2938 or Judy at 705-488-2201.

There will be two Services on Christmas Eve here in Kinmount one at 4 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church and one at 7 p.m. at Kinmount United Church.

Plan to ring in 2014 at the New Year's Eve Pot Luck House Party December 31st at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 starting at 8 p.m. The evening will offer a variety of activities to choose from including darts, shuffleboard and hockey on the big screen T.V. as well as dancing to your musical favourites. There is no admission charge but bring along your darts, C.D.'s and favourite pot luck dish. Please note that this is an AGE of MAJORITY event.

Seated here at the computer over my shoulder is a picture perfect Christmas card with snow falling and ponies covered in white coats.

From Bruce and I here at the old farmhouse warmest wishes to you and yours for the holidays and for the coming New Year.

Notices



NOTICE of Nomination for Office
2014 Municipal Election
Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

Notice is hereby given to the municipal electors in the Township of Algonquin Highlands that nominations for the offices set out below, may be made by completing and filing, in the office of the Clerk, located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON, the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, debit, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Reeve	One (1) to be elected At Large
Councillor	One (1) to be elected for Ward 1 representing the geographic Township of Sherborne
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Councillor	One (1) to be elected for Ward 3 representing the geographic Townships of McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between **January 2, 2014 and September 11, 2014, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on September 12, 2014 (Nomination Day).**

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Electors are hereby given notice that if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said offices, voting will be conducted using Vote by Mail.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2013.

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High single. Ernie Winterburn	248
High single hdc Ernie Winterburn	296
High triple. Claude Cote	650
Hightriple hdcp. Claude Cote	707
Ladies;	
High avg. Chris Cote	189
High single. Chris Cote	246
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Tues aft. Dec. 10/13	
Men;	
High avg. Claude Cote	204
High single. Jim Finlay	264
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Bruno Campagnolo	312
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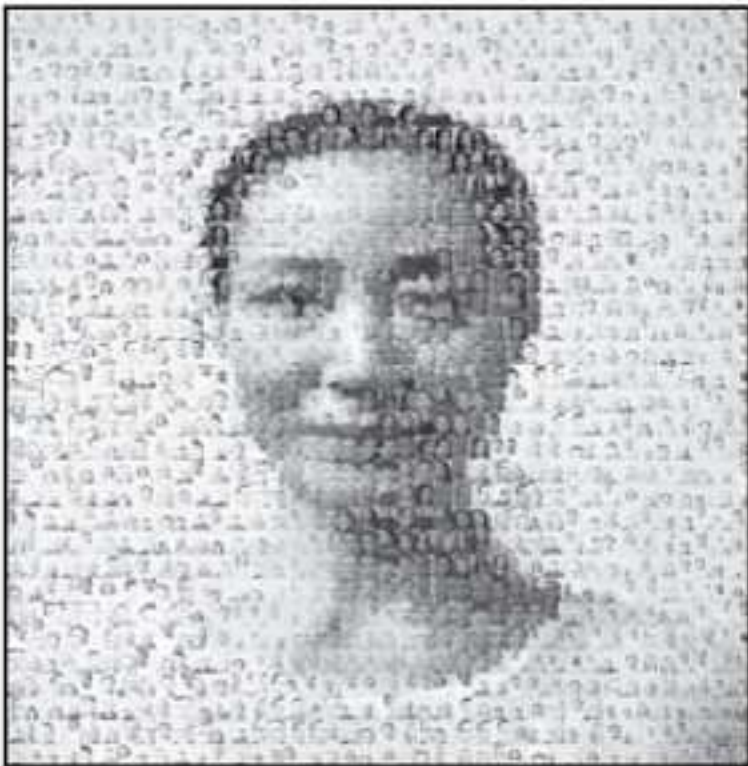


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County card scores

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December 10 contract bridge at Club 35: Top trio members were Carol Bowker 4,360, Ross Davies 4,270 and Jack Cox 4,230. Ross Pawson was awarded the Shiny Penny while Ross Davies and Nel Van der Grient teamed up for a Small Slam.

December 10 euchre at Lochlin: For the ladies Betty Hicks was high and Rita Crofts low with Ralph Young high man and Jim MacPherson low. Bruce Shephard held the most lone hands with Harold Harvie winning the draw. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for her update.

December 10 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports that the leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 264, Phyllis Windsor 234 and tied for third at 202 Ida Young and Karen Chapman. First for the gents at 282 was Marcel Roussel followed by Bob Pollard 218, Tom Grix 217 and Albert Foster 204. Bob Pollard won the major draw with Pat Roussel, Jason Peacock and Pearl Cowen claiming the smaller prizes. Moonshots went to Tom Grix, Bob Pollard and Marcel Roussel.

December 10 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Congratulations to our reporter Nancy Ballantyne for top marks at 4,460 with Ann Nickson 4,200 second and

Bob Penfold 3,830 third, Nancy reminds that there will be bridge December 17 then a holiday break until January 7.

December 12 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Theresa Deak and Tom Grix with Jason Peacock and Jim Bradbury posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to our reporter May Bradbury and Tom Orr while Pearl Cowen, Bev Johnson [2], Jason Peacock and Jesse Barlow took home the regular other prizes. Bev, Jason and Jesse along with John Deak were the winners of the special turkey draws.

December 12 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 282, Belle Walker 280, Jean Scadden 261 and our reporter Bev Johnson 256. At 340 Ida Young was first for the gents followed by Doug McIntosh 260, Marcel Roussel 259 and Kevin Maloney 253 while Pat Scadden, Jim Corbett and Jason Peacock took the moonshots. Bev reminds that there will not be cards on Thursdays December 19 or 26 with start up again on January 2.

December 13 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Murray Daniels won for high hands, Sherin Brown for lone hands, Arthur Forbes for low hands and Judy Reddy for the special

prize.

December 13 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Jack and Willie Cox led at 68 percent then Ross Davies and Muriel McIntosh 65 percent.

December 13 bid euchre at Club 35: Pink honours went to Pat Marshall 224, Dorene Elstone 197 and our reporter Jean Dutka 189. First for the whites at 269 was Craig Windsor then Dwaine Lloyd 229 and Merv Elstone 189 with Jason Peacock holding the hidden score while moonshots went to Michelle Delaire, Al McMullen and Pat Marshall.

December 14 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that the leading ladies were Vi Howell 303, Jean Scadden 271, Maria Tschida 264 and Karin Harrison 258. At 299 Ron Morrison topped the gents followed by Tom Grix 296, Marcel Roussel 291 and Ida Young 285. Jean Randle won the special prize while Ida Young, Pearl Cowen, Pat Scadden, Dwaine Lloyd, Bev Johnson and John Deak had single moonshots with Pat Roussel and Margaret Fletcher each taking two.

December 15 Sunday bid euchre at Minden Community Centre. From Bev Johnson the news that at this monthly

event the high scores were posted by Karen Chapman 311, Dwaine Lloyd 289 and Kevin Maloney 268 along with a total of six moonshots.

December 16 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Gwen Cox and Jesse Barlow with Pam Pappas and Betty Sharpe posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Margaret Fletcher and Lorna Hicks with Diane Platt holding the hidden score. Tim Sharpe also reports that Maxine Snell won the special prize and that it was a busy day for the skunk paying visits to Lorna Hicks, Lillian Mann and Yvonne Arbuthnot. Tim reminds that there will not be euchre until the new year on January 6th.

December 16 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top three players were Ida Young 314, our reporter Rose Isaacson 307 and Marcy Morgan 290. Frank Franzen won the draw and Sheldon Rae had the single moonshot.

December 16 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Arthur Forbes, for lone hands Bev Johnson and for both low hands and the special prize Margaret Fletcher. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.



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